











THE 1953 TORCH  
VOLUME XI  
THE 1953 SENIOR CLASS  
OF  
NORTH COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL



# Dedicated to



MR. C. ALLYN BROWN

In appreciation for all he has unselfishly done for us throughout our high school days at Norco, we the Class of 1953, proudly dedicate this issue of the "TORCH" to Mr. C. Allyn Brown.

In the fall of '49, when we were beginning our freshman year, Mr. Brown was starting his teaching career. He has been an excellent instructor in science, chemistry, and physics. In addition to this teaching schedule, he has

been a fine coach in football and J.V. basketball.

Because of his tolerance, fairness, and understanding ways, he has gained the respect of all who know him. He has set an excellent example with his sense of humor and good sportsmanship. His interest and enthusiasm in our problems and activities have always been an inspiration.

With these thoughts in mind, we are happy to dedicate the "TORCH" to Mr. Brown, our friend, advisor and teacher.



# In Memoriam



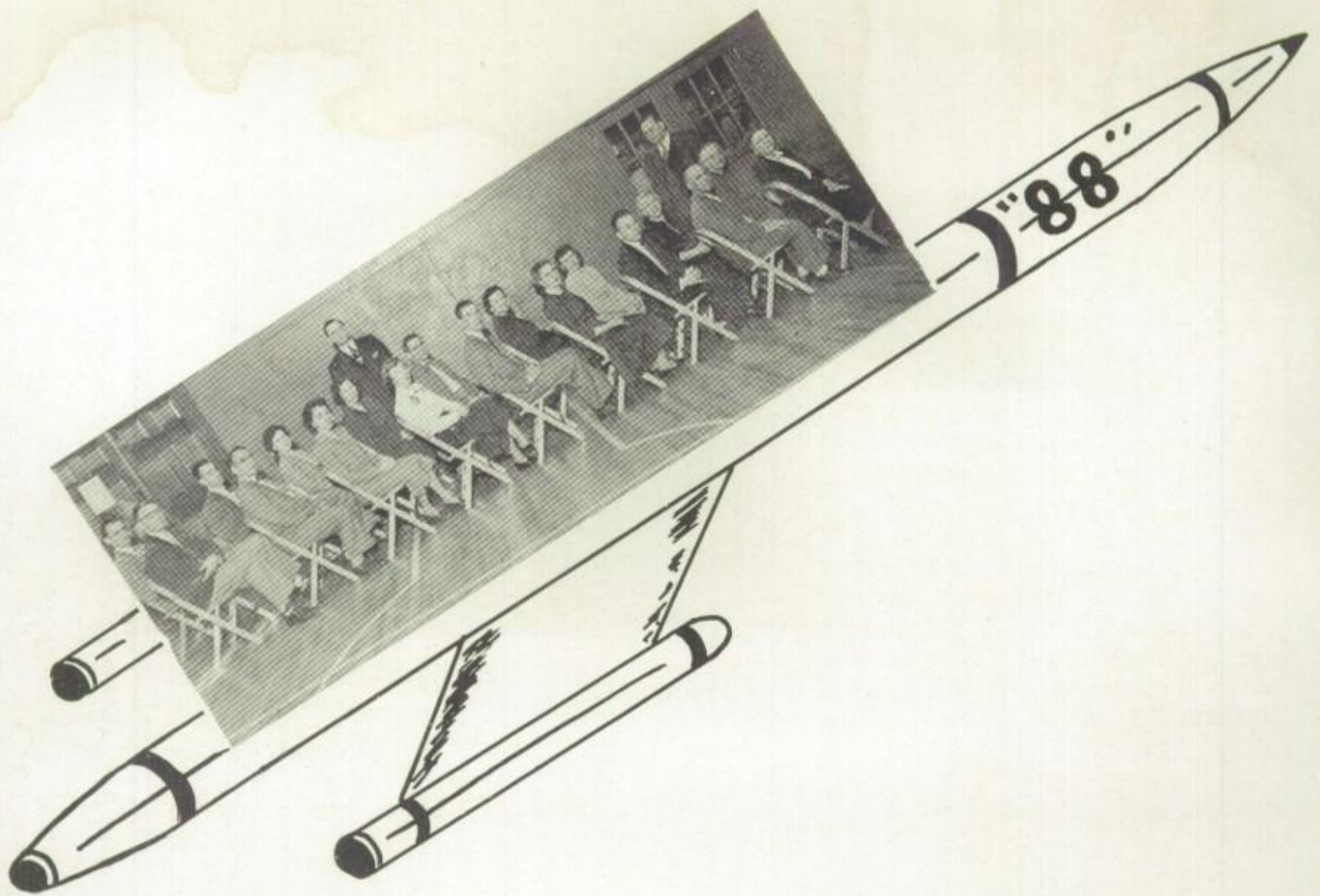
NANCY McELROY

FEBRUARY 10, 1935 - FEBRUARY 10, 1952

*"Early, bright, transient, chaste as morning dew  
She sparkled, was exhal'd, and went to heaven."*

Young—Night Thoughts





Front row, left to right—Louis Buckwalter, Clifford Brey, Mary Jane Moyer, Jeanne Ann Wannan, Kenneth Miller, Marian Machamer, Stanley Springer, John DeVincentis, Edna Shinehouse.

Second row—C. Allyn Brown, William Wenrich, Clare Lane, Charlotte Cook, Neal Burtner, Jean Ruoss, Jessie Delp, Anna Trego, Esther Clark.

Standing—Alvin Alderfer, Paul H. Grim.

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 WILLIAM WENRICH—Shop, Mechanical Drawing.  
 CLARE K. LANE—Junior High History, Geography.  
 CHARLOTTE U. COOK—Vocational and General Home Economics.  
 NEAL R. BURTNER—Vocational Agriculture.  
 JEAN RUOSS—Physical Education, Health, Hockey Coach, Basketball Coach.  
 JESSIE M. DELP—History 10, 11; Visual Education, Cheerleading Coach.  
 ANNA C. TREGO, R. N.—School Nurse, Home Nursing.  
 ESTHER C. CLARK—English, French, Library.  
 ALVIN S. ALDERFER—Administrative Assistant, Biology, Problems of Democracy.  
 PAUL H. GRIM—Supervising Principal.



TO THE CLASS OF 1953:

We who are engaged in public school education want to congratulate you on reaching one of the goals young people strive for—the attainment of a high school diploma. I am happy and proud of your achievement. Your class had within its ranks many fine young people who had diverse talents. Your contribution to our scholastic program, our musical program, our dramatic program, our sports program and our school citizenship program was excellent. As you pass from our physical environment, you will leave with us many fine memories of your work, and it is our wish that your life will be filled with many successes and much happiness. May I remind you that many of your future accomplishments will be due to the untiring efforts of your most loyal advisors—the public school teachers.

Sincerely,

PAUL H. GRIM,

*Supervising Principal*



FELLOW STUDENTS:

If many years from now you should turn these pages again, I hope that your happiest recollection will be of the growth and achievement which your days at North Coventry High School brought you. Friendships made in school are priceless and immortal. Activities in the classroom, on the playing field, the stage, and the editor's desk afford thrilling recollections.

As you go out to become a part of the body of youth of our land, my prayer is that you will have the self-reliance, the courage, the qualities of leadership and vision which will usher in a new era of peace and dignity to all mankind. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

ALVIN S. ALDERFER,

*Administrative Assistant*





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## Class Motto

*"Like the atom are we, small, mighty, and free."*

## Class Colors

*Green and White*

## Class Flower

*White Rose*



Left to right—Fred Kerlin, president; Patricia Loughlin, secretary; Janet Hoffecker, treasurer; Wilmer Kinckiner, vice-president.





THE  
JUNIOR CLASS  
OF  
"53"







ELMER C. BAKER

"ELMO"

COMMERCIAL

*"Every man's work shall be made manifest"*

Allied Youth, 10, 11; Shop Club, 11.

Tall, with blond hair and blue eyes . . . the only boy with the courage to take shorthand . . . loves to type . . . always ready to get out of classes to help do work for the school . . . dislikes working in the school office . . . comes to school because it is compulsory . . . enjoys teasing girls . . . never lets anything trouble him . . . usually restrains his temper . . . one of the fellows who go to Grandy's every lunch time . . . will continue to work at Doehler-Jarvis Corporation after graduation.



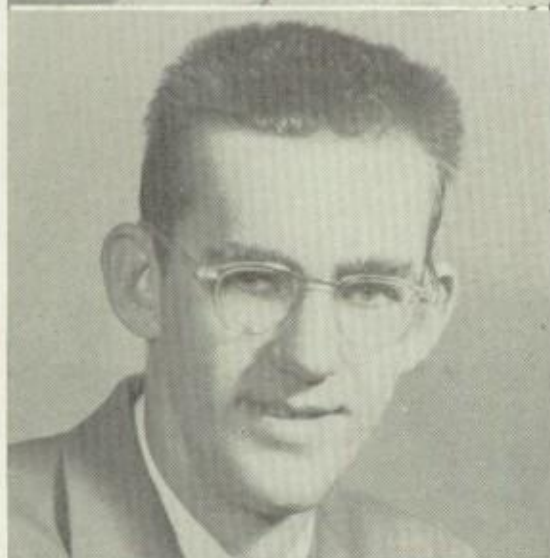
AGNES M. BARLAS

"AGGIE"

COMMERCIAL

*"Thy modesty's candle to thy merit"*

Short and plump . . . known for her glasses . . . jolly . . . seldom gets in a temper . . . friend to everyone . . . usually called "Aggie" . . . Ruth Leyrer's good chum . . . has no interest in opposite sex . . . enjoys reading . . . a good student . . . always has a well-prepared health lesson . . . works in McCrory's . . . would like to obtain secretarial work.



JAMES R. BATDORF

"BLACKIE"

VOCATIONAL

*"A little nonsense now and then  
is relished by the wisest men"*

F.F.A., 9, 10, 11, 12; Football, 12; Basketball, 11, 12.

Tall and slender, with dark hair and blue eyes . . . known well by the nickname "Blackie" . . . enjoys working on his motorcycle . . . travels with "Smiffy" and "Mack" . . . Anna's pest in P.O.D. . . . regrets having to get up at seven o'clock to go to school . . . doesn't bother with girls; pretends he has no interest in girls . . . thinks he may enter the Air Force.



ALICE MAE BAUMAN

"ALICE MAE"

VOCATIONAL

*"He who is firm in will molds the world to himself"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10; Softball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 11, 12; Hockey, 9, 10, 11, Co-captain, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12; "Norco News", 10, 12.

Big blue eyes . . . clear complexion with rosy cheeks . . . very quiet . . . excellent vocational student . . . amiable and agreeable . . . is fond of all kinds of sports . . . a fighting hockey player . . . very seldom misses sport events . . . travels with Bernice . . . has no interest in opposite sex . . . enjoys eating . . . excellent seamstress . . . will attend Penn State to study home economics.





JEAN A. BROWER

"JEANIER"

VOCATIONAL

*"Beware of her hair, for she excels all women in the magic of her locks"*

Allied Youth, 10, 11; Color Guard, 9, 10, 11.

Short blonde hair . . . grey eyes . . . always looks trim and neat . . . pleasant personality . . . doesn't like health tests . . . worries about her weight . . . usually seen with Adella or Carolyn . . . has her share of boy troubles . . . likes to play baseball after school . . . enjoys going to "Trunks" after games . . . attends practically all school activities . . . likes to talk . . . never in a hurry . . . believes in taking life easy . . . after graduation hopes to continue working as a telephone operator.



TERESA H. BROWER

"TRES"

COMMERCIAL

*"Dreams are but interludes, which fancy makes"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News", 11, 12; Band, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Attractive . . . pretty, long black hair and sparkling dark eyes . . . gets angry easily . . . self-reliant . . . friendly . . . seen with Thea-Mae . . . enjoys roller skating . . . portrayed well the role of mother in the class plays . . . excellent color guard . . . enjoys Rod's company . . . despises sledding . . . seldom seen at school activities . . . will probably become a secretary after graduation.



GLORIA M. CARE

"CORA"

COMMERCIAL

*"Honesty is the best policy"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; "Norco News", 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Softball, 9.

Short . . . dark hair . . . attractive freckles . . . always chews gum . . . travels with Janet and Lila . . . a Douglassville commuter . . . good commercial student . . . works hard in typing . . . likes to tell jokes . . . very seldom gets angry . . . enjoys going to the Reading "Y" dances on Saturday nights with Lila . . . flirts with the boys . . . her hobbies are letter-writing and dancing . . . plans to become a bookkeeper.



WILLIAM P. COLLINS

"BILL"

ACADEMIC

*"Sharp wits, like sharp knives, do often cut their owner's fingers"*

Patrol, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10; Glee Club, 12; District Chorus, 12.

Dark brown hair . . . expressive brown eyes . . . tall . . . well liked . . . a real joker . . . nothing bothers him . . . approves of exchange students, especially from Austria . . . can never make up his mind . . . detests homework . . . doesn't make use of his abilities . . . an excellent trumpet player . . . can usually be found in Eddie's Cup . . . never a dull moment when he's around . . . Mr. Springer's pride and joy . . . plans to join the Air Force to fly jets.





BARBARA J. CRESSMAN

"BARB"

COMMERCIAL

*"Good at a fight, but better at play"*

Basketball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 9, 10; Hockey, 10; Allied Youth, 10, 11, Secretary, 12; Cheerleading, 9, 10, 11, 12; Shop Club, 11; Class Play, 11; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Dark brown hair . . . twinkling brown eyes . . . expert dancer . . . has a variety of friends . . . easy to get along with . . . goes steady with Duke . . . when she laughs, she cries . . . never worries about anything . . . is very fond of her brothers . . . likes most sports . . . detests homework and skating . . . works as a soda-jerk at Eddie's Cup . . . would like to find a job at the shore this summer . . . will probably work as a secretary.



HARRIET DETWILER

"HARRIET"

ACADEMIC

*"The one exclusive sign of a thorough knowledge is the power of teaching"*

Band, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus, 10, 11; Sextette, 10; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Assistant Class Treasurer, 10; "Torch" Staff business manager, 12; Camera Club, 12.

Shining, chestnut brown hair . . . neat dresser with good taste . . . good sport . . . goes along with the crowd after a little coaxing . . . is pleasant company . . . hails from Bucktown . . . likes writing to her French pen pals . . . excellent pianist . . . during summer can be found at Stone Harbor working and enjoying her leisure hours . . . is a peppy trombone player . . . never has any boy trouble? . . . a very good business manager . . . usually found with one of the "Big Four" . . . belongs to the studious group . . . will enter Juniata College to study elementary education.



IRMGARD DRENCKHAHN

"IRMGARD"

ACADEMIC

*"Honor lies in honest toil"*

Class Play, 12; Allied Youth, 12; Glee Club, 12; "Norco News", 12; Color Guard, 12; District Chorus, 12.

An exchange student from Germany . . . short brown hair . . . bright brown eyes . . . vivid personality . . . co-operative . . . takes part in many school activities . . . enjoys playing the piano . . . has a great interest in studying other people . . . finds pleasure in dancing . . . likes to travel (especially in America) . . . thinks America is a wonderful land of opportunity . . . hopes to become a journalist or a foreign correspondent . . . would like very much to return to America to work for a German company.



JOHN T. EACHUS

"JACK"

VOCATIONAL

*"So sweet the blush of bashfulness"*

F.F.A., 9, 10, 11, 12.

Smallest boy in the class . . . likes working on engines . . . works in a garage . . . active member of the F.F.A. for four years . . . takes pride in getting to the cafeteria first . . . travels with Jim . . . school doesn't worry him . . . thinks the teachers give too much homework . . . will work as a mechanic in a garage.





LOWELL K. FRIES

"LOWELL"

COMMERCIAL

*"How handsome is he, that handsome does"*

Boys' Glee Club, 11, 12; Baseball, 10, 11, 12; Football, 12.

Small, lively, and energetic . . . black wavy hair . . . Shrum's dreamboat . . . interested in girls . . . a good baseball player . . . likes horses . . . doesn't care to pay fines . . . seen with Larry Porter . . . dreams of a new car . . . after graduation is going to work with his father as a stone mason.



CAROLYN J. GARNER

"WINNIE"

COMMERCIAL

*"A cheerful look makes a dish a feast"*

Glee Club, 9, 10; Shop Club, 11; Color Guard, 11; "Norco News", 9, 10; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Cute . . . pretty smile . . . has lovely front teeth . . . one of the "Tintair" girls . . . often wears a fashionable horse-tail . . . proudly displays a diamond . . . hails from Douglassville . . . likes to buy presents for "Lefty" . . . enjoys good jokes . . . capable typist . . . efficient secretary for Mr. De-Vincentis . . . spends extra time purchasing household articles . . . will make a good housewife and telephone operator.



JANET S. HOFFECKER

"SALLY"

ACADEMIC

*"The human brain is the highest bloom of the whole organic metamorphosis of the earth"*

Class Treasurer, 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12; Mixed Chorus, 10, 11; Camera Club, 12; Softball Manager, 10.

Light brown hair . . . her smile reveals a set of pearly white teeth . . . neat dresser . . . very argumentative . . . never believes in an answer until it is proven . . . one of the "brains" of the class . . . spends much time studying . . . liked by everyone . . . has an appreciation of the lighter side of life . . . a lover of cats . . . corresponds with foreign friends . . . no apparent interests in the opposite sex . . . youngest member of "Big Four" . . . is an expert tap dancer . . . is used to getting her own way . . . teases John Smith . . . is always starting new projects . . . works at Herd's . . . plans to enter West Chester State Teachers' College and major in elementary education.



EDWARD F. JOHN

"BUTCH"

ACADEMIC

*"Once a gentlemen, always a gentleman"*

Basketball, 9, 10, 11; Band, 9, 10, 11, 12; Camera Club, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12; Glee Club, 9, 11, 12.

Small but lively . . . full of mischief . . . very polite . . . blushes easily . . . remains calm in any circumstance . . . good natured . . . could do without homework . . . often with Paul Pentz . . . thinks trig. is a waste of time . . . drives a Ford . . . has an interest in playing drums . . . works at Sidley Motors . . . wants to attend trade school after graduation.





SHIRLEY A. KELLAR

"SQUIRRELY"

ACADEMIC

*"Anger is momentary madness, so control your passion  
or it will control you"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News", 9, 10, 11, 12—Editor-in-chief; Cheerleading, 9, 10, co-captain 11, captain 12; Shop Club, 11; "Torch" Staff, 12; Camera Club, 12.

Cute with green eyes . . . small but mighty . . . easy to anger, quick to forgive . . . is not afraid of anyone . . . fast talker . . . known for her laugh . . . spirited cheerleading captain . . . capable "Norco News" editor . . . enjoys dancing, especially jitterbugging . . . loves letter writing to Penn State . . . thinks only of Donald . . . is a good swimmer . . . belongs to the famous "Big Four" . . . anything can happen when she drives a car . . . likes to tell jokes . . . her favorite subject is P.O.D. ( ? ? ? ) . . . will be a very capable nurse.



FRED G. KERLIN

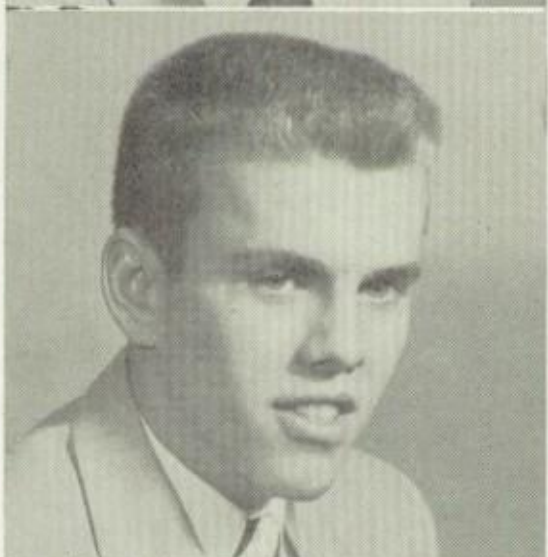
"SAM"

VOCATIONAL

*"Worth, courage, honor—these indeed your  
sustenance and birthright are"*

Class Vice President, 9; Class President, 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Football, 9, 10, 11, captain, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Patrol, 9, 10, 11, co-captain, 12.

Light brown, curly hair and merry dark eyes . . . a capable football captain . . . gets maximum speed out of his Ford . . . has a special interest in Sanatoga . . . tries to be the first one to the cafeteria . . . likes cars . . . collects guns . . . uses B B's to a good advantage . . . enjoys his old cars . . . frequently loses his math papers ??? . . . has been a hard working president . . . may decide to attend college.



WILMER E. KINCKINER

"DUKE"

ACADEMIC

*"Popularity is like the brightness of a falling star"*

Football, 11, 12; Basketball, 9, 10, 11, captain, 12; Baseball, 10, manager 9; Class Vice President, 10, 11, 12; Patrol, 10, 11, captain, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Camera Club, 12.

Close-cropped light brown hair . . . medium height . . . has a good sense of humor . . . often seen with Barbara . . . excels in sports, particularly basketball and football . . . doesn't like Mrs. Shinehouse's surprise tests . . . could very well do without studying French . . . makes sure he is first in the cafeteria line . . . is planning to attend Penn State to study engineering.



MARY ANN KOCUR

"MARY ANN"

VOCATIONAL

*"I hasten to laugh at everything for fear of being  
obliged to weep"*

Glee Club, 9, 10; Basketball, 11; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Class Play, 11, 12; Librarian, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Short brown hair . . . brown eyes . . . tries in vain to put on weight . . . joker of the class . . . loves to laugh . . . comes to school for the fun of it . . . never a dull moment with her around . . . looks forward to P.O.D. class? ? ? . . . thinks "Johnnie Ray" is tops . . . likes to watch movies and sports events . . . dislikes boys? ? ? . . . closes her ears to the word "homework" . . . jokes with Miss Wannan and Mrs. Ruoss . . . hopes to continue working as a Bell Telephone Operator.





ERNEST E. KULLY

"SLEEP"

ACADEMIC

*"Better late than never"*

Basketball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Patrol, 11, 12; Glee Club, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Six feet tall . . . blind without glasses . . . rather quiet, depending on the environment and the company . . . liked by classmates . . . collects stamps . . . one of Duke's buddies . . . falls asleep in French class . . . favorite sport is basketball . . . enjoys singing to Harriet in Activity Period . . . doesn't put his musical talent to use . . . intends to enter Penn State after graduation.



BERNICE R. LANDIS

"BERNIE"

COMMERCIAL

*"Ability is found to consist mainly in a high degree of solemnity"*

Glee Club, 9, 10; Hockey, 10, 11, co-captain 12; Basketball manager, 11, 12; Softball, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News", 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Very short . . . likeable . . . usually quiet . . . calm and dependable . . . co-operative . . . loves sports . . . has trouble with Bob at times . . . enjoys a snack during classes . . . dislikes overdoses of homework . . . never misses a football game . . . enjoys doing P.O.D. . . . is fond of drinking cider . . . pals around with Alice Mae . . . will make someone a good bookkeeper.



RUTH N. LEYRER

"RUTHIE"

*"Love begins with love"*

"Norco News", 9; Shop Club, 11

Short brown hair . . . dark brown eyes . . . co-operative . . . jolly disposition . . . always ready to lend a helping hand . . . has a smile for everyone . . . likes to ride home with her boyfriend after school . . . seldom seen at school activities . . . collects all kinds of pins . . . believes in staying out late at night . . . drives a black "puddle-hopper" to school . . . doesn't see any future in arguing with teachers . . . never seen without Agnes . . . Mrs. Clark's secretary . . . plans to marry shortly after graduation.



ROBERT O. LINK

"BOB-O-LINK"

VOCATIONAL

*"Art does not imitate, but interprets"*

Glee Club, 11, 12; F.F.A., 11, 12; Football, 11, 12; Baseball, 11, 12.

Tall . . . friendly to everyone . . . a good dancer . . . very seldom seen in anger . . . likes to draw cartoons . . . doodles in every spare moment . . . does a good job on the football field . . . has no girl troubles . . . enjoys calling people by their nicknames . . . should make a good farmer . . . plans to attend college.





MARILYN J. LONG

"CORKY"

ACADEMIC

*"The only way to have a friend is to be one"*

"Torch" Staff Editor, 12; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Band, 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus, 10, 11; Sextette, 10, 11; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Hockey, 10, 12; Basketball, 9, 10, 11, co-captain, 12; District Chorus, 12; Camera Club, 12.

Attractive blonde with a friendly smile . . . likable personality . . . good dancer . . . is known as "Corky" by everyone . . . peppy player of bell lyre . . . expert horse back rider . . . capable editor-in-chief of the "Torch" . . . also a member of the "Big Four" . . . interested in doing the Congo . . . has eyes only for Paul . . . is a lover of music . . . can be found at Laurel Locks' Dairy Bar in the summer . . . "hotrods" her dad's Chrysler . . . one of the brains of the academic course . . . likes to eat subs (?) . . . good alto singer . . . will attend Penn State after graduation.



PATRICIA A. LOUGHIN

"PATSY"

COMMERCIAL

*"Speech is great; but silence is greater"*

Glee Club, 9; Basketball, 9, 10, 11; Band, 9, 10; Class Secretary, 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading, 10, 11, Secretary, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; "Torch" Staff, 12; Class Play, 11.

Tall, slender, platinum blonde . . . dresses neatly and becomingly . . . quiet . . . usually seen with Barb . . . "goes steady" with Fred . . . works at Woolworth's . . . likes cheerleading . . . good artist . . . enjoys dancing . . . blushes easily . . . has a temper but rarely uses it . . . efficient typist . . . loves P.O.D.???. . . plans to be a secretary for some lucky boss.



SHIRLEY A. MCGOWAN

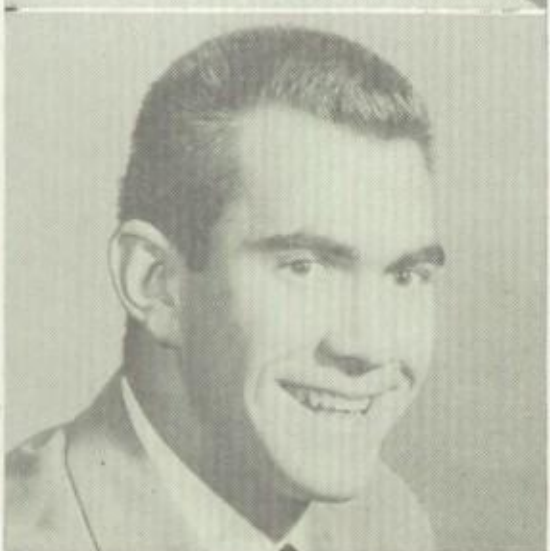
"SHORTY"

COMMERCIAL

*"Gentleness! More powerful than Hercules"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Librarian, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11.

Dark hair . . . the shortest girl of the class . . . friendly . . . quiet in school (?) . . . comical laugh . . . likes to play the piano . . . nice smile . . . always ready to hear a good joke . . . pals around with Carolyn and Lila . . . enjoys the bus rides from Geigertown . . . likes to tease Patsy . . . supplies candy in classes . . . attending parties is a source of much pleasure . . . her future plans concern Bob.



RODNEY E. McMULLEN

"MACK"

GENERAL

*"Humor is the harmony of the heart"*

Patrol, 11, 12; Football, 11, 12; Glee Club, 12; Class Play, 12; District Chorus, 12.

Tall and well-built with roguish brown eyes and short dark hair . . . comes to us from Union Township . . . fond of football . . . doesn't care too much for teachers . . . possesses a good tenor voice . . . doesn't see why he has English classes . . . gives Mrs. Shinehouse a hard time . . . blushes rather easily . . . travels with Jim and Smitty . . . hopes to attend Millersville S.T.C. to study Industrial Arts.





ROBERT I. MATTHEWS

"BURR"

ACADEMIC

*"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together"*

Class Play, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Camera Club, 12; Boys' Glee Club, 12; "Torch", Staff, 12.

Dark hair . . . usually has an expression of serious concentration . . . lives on Chestnut Hill . . . blushes when someone mentions Bernice . . . collects stamps and coins . . . enjoys photography . . . likes to hunt and fish . . . likes plenty of food (and girls) . . . doesn't want to get up on Monday mornings . . . the Republican politician of class . . . Mrs. Shinehouse's math problem . . . is planning to go to college.



SHIRLEY A. MAUGER

"SHIRL"

COMMERCIAL

*"Good humor makes all things tolerable"*

Hockey, 9, 10; Softball, 10; Allied Youth, 10.

Short brown hair . . . blue-green eyes . . . long fingernails . . . enjoys sports . . . hasn't any hobbies . . . enjoys walking home at night with Steve . . . has no love for homework . . . co-operative . . . likes to dance . . . never seen without Virginia, Mary, and Frances . . . enjoys arguing with classmates and teachers . . . can't wait for gym classes . . . rarely seen at home in Pottstown Landing . . . takes unexpected rides on elevators in Philadelphia . . . plans to work after graduation.



ADELLA J. MILLER

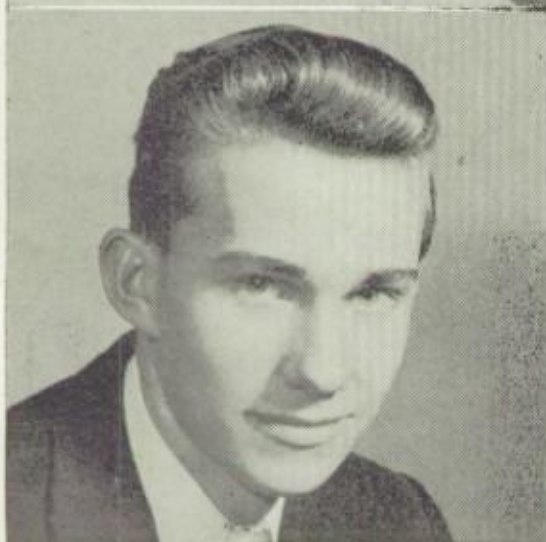
"DELLA"

COMMERCIAL

*"Laugh and the World laughs with you"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News", 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

One of the tallest girls of the class . . . cute smile . . . laughs hilariously at anything . . . eats lunch between giggles . . . peppy cheerleader . . . is a good joke-teller . . . dresses neatly . . . likes to have a good time . . . enjoys roller skating and dancing . . . works at the Bell Telephone . . . usually seen with Jean . . . dislikes homework . . . Charleston enthusiast . . . menace to highways . . . likes to read Joe's letters . . . comes to Norco from Pottstown . . . will continue to work at the Bell Telephone Company.



HOWARD J. MOYER

"HOWDY"

ACADEMIC

*"The man that blushes is not quite a brute"*

Band, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Class Play, 12.

Looks studious in his horn-rimmed glasses . . . has expressive eyes . . . dresses neatly and in excellent taste . . . always laughing at something . . . blushes easily . . . works hard on the wave in his hair . . . has "Harriet" problems . . . is glad the front of his brother's car is small . . . likes to dance, but has to be in the mood . . . dislikes bright porch lights . . . usually on honor roll . . . enjoys making geometric figures . . . menace to Mrs. Clark . . . the band couldn't do without him . . . argues over anything . . . has no temper . . . is an ardent Democrat . . . dependable . . . good vanilla salesman . . . likes to be helpful . . . will attend college after graduation.





FRANCES E. NIMMERICHTER

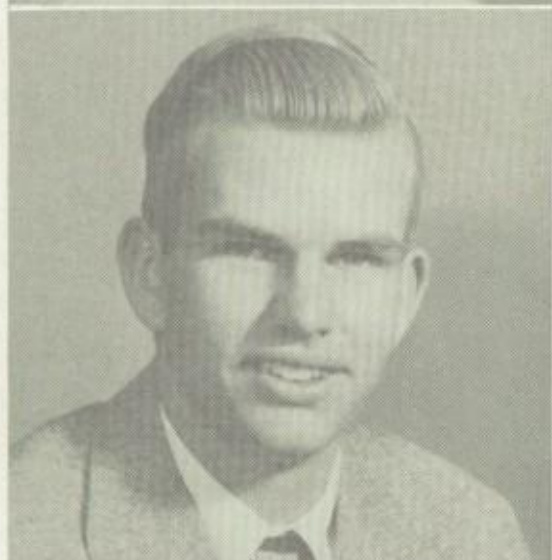
"DAGMAR"

COMMERCIAL

*"Happiness lies first of all in health"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Big brown eyes . . . dark complexion . . . dresses neatly . . . co-operative . . . another "shorty" in the Senior class . . . likes to get Smiffy into trouble . . . wishes there were more handsome teachers at Norco . . . enjoys writing letters and horseback riding . . . secretary to Mrs. Trego . . . dislikes boys, (so she says) . . . thinks she needs a mechanical brain for health tests . . . never seen without Mary . . . can be found driving a tractor around her home . . . after graduation hopes to acquire a secretarial job.



PAUL G. PENTZ

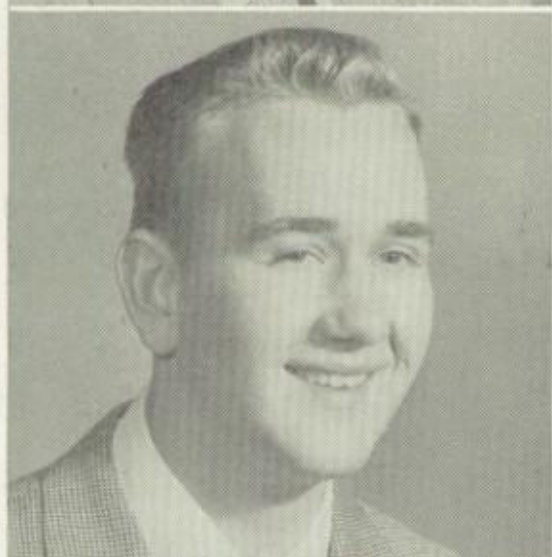
"PAUL"

ACADEMIC

*"Nothing succeeds like success"*

Basketball, 10, 11, 12; Band, 10; Patrol, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 11, 12—vice president; Class Play, 11, 12; Glee Club, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12; Camera Club, 12.

Tall, slender blond . . . hails from Kenilworth . . . a good sport . . . Mrs. Shinehouse's problem, at times . . . spends a lot of time at Laurel Locks . . . thinks French is a waste of time . . . enjoys dances . . . sticks up for California . . . receives high marks in school . . . drives a green Pontiac . . . doesn't have much confidence in Chrysler products . . . likes to climb in windows . . . will enter college after graduation.



JOHN P. PETRICK

"BIG JOHN"

COMMERCIAL

*"Variety is the very spice of life"*

Football, 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball, 11; Band, 10, 11; "Norco News", 9; Patrol, 11, 12; Class Play, 11.

Heavy-set blond . . . crew-cut hair . . . likes sports . . . sociable to all classmates . . . moves slowly towards classes . . . husky center in football . . . enjoys jazz . . . good dancer . . . always appears neat and well-dressed . . . usually has Pottstown dates . . . plans to go to school to study accounting . . . one of the basketball five . . . friendly with Larry and Gloria when practice sets appear . . . drives a blue Hudson . . . enjoys making frequent trips to New York . . . hopes Uncle Sam doesn't call.



THEA-MAE PHILLIPS

"THEASIE FLIPS"

COMMERCIAL

*"Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other"*

"Norco News", 9, 10; "Torch" Staff, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Shop Club, 11; Class Play, 12, prompter, 11.

Co-operative . . . joker of the Senior class . . . often found writing letters to her boy friend, who is in the Army . . . cowboys her father's car . . . likes shorthand class . . . has an answer for everyone . . . favorite pastime is cruising around with her pals in the truck on Sunday afternoons . . . thinks gym class is a waste of time . . . has a hard time saving money . . . keeps Beechnut Chewing Gum Co. in business . . . her ambition is to be the wife of her Army man.





VIRGINIA PIERCE

"GINNY"

*"Those who in quarrels interpose, must often wipe a bloody nose"*

Basketball, 9, 10, co-captain—12; Cheerleading, 9, 11; Shop, 11.

Pretty, naturally curly hair . . . cute . . . dresses neatly . . . wears a diamond on her left hand . . . has her own car . . . acquires injuries quickly . . . declares every Monday and Friday a holiday from school . . . quick temper . . . her heart belongs to Rich . . . will be boss in her household . . . can be found at Ludwig's Corner . . . travels with Shirley, Mary, and Frances . . . will get married as soon as she graduates.



LARRY PORTER

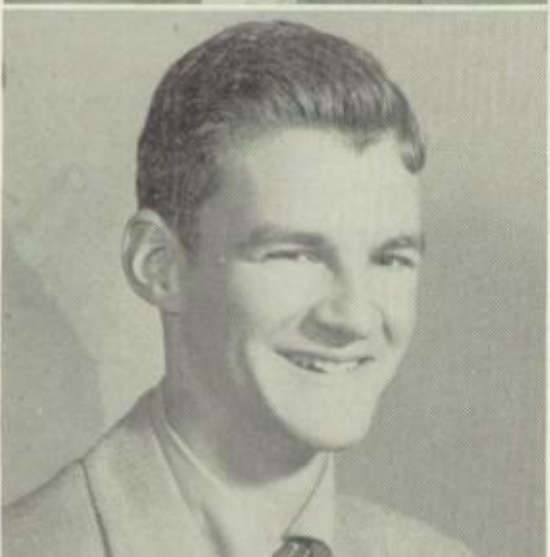
"ACE"

COMMERCIAL

*"Flirtation, attention without intention"*

Football, 10, 11, 12; Basketball, 9, 10, 11;

Small but mighty . . . interesting personality . . . short haircut . . . dark-rimmed glasses add to his appearance . . . Coventryville's gift to Norco . . . easy-going . . . well-liked by the opposite sex . . . enjoys all kinds of sports . . . has no interest in doing homework . . . finds it hard to concentrate . . . usually seen with Lowell and Jack . . . hangs out at Trunk's . . . future is undecided.



WILLIAM E. POWELL

"BILL"

VOCATIONAL

*"Anything done for another is done for oneself"*

Band, 9, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Safety Patrol, 11, 12; F. F. A., 9, 10, 11, 12.

Tall and thin, with dark hair and eyes . . . very friendly . . . not too tall . . . never gets angry . . . Mr. Koons' right hand man . . . always around when something is to be done . . . doesn't participate in sports, but attends all games . . . will do anything for someone else . . . good farmer . . . never bothers with girls . . . will probably work on a farm.



ANNA T. REINSTEIN

"ANN"

VOCATIONAL

*"Every artist was first an amateur"*

Softball, 10; Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; "Norco News", 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Band, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12; Class Play, 11, 12.

Sophisticated . . . unpredicable . . . argumentative . . . short hair is becoming to her . . . excellent at art . . . drives a "49" Chev . . . good color guard . . . plays piano . . . favorite pastime is eating . . . dislikes people who are hard to get along with . . . enjoys horseback riding . . . likes to be her own dress-maker . . . known for her large lunches . . . works at People's Drug Store . . . plans to go to college and study fashion illustration.





LILA G. RITCHIE

"LIL"

COMMERCIAL

*"One hair of a woman can draw more than a hundred pair of oxen"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Librarian, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; "Torch" Staff, 12; Class Play, 12.

Pretty auburn hair . . . brown eyes . . . has a provocative smile . . . cowboys a "47" Chevy . . . giggles a lot . . . works hard in shorthand class . . . has a keen sense of humor . . . seen with Barbara, Gloria, Shirley, and Patsy . . . has an answer for every remark . . . can be found washing the blackboards in Room 11 . . . friendly to everyone . . . has excellent selling ability . . . exercises this talent at Woolworth's . . . loves to argue . . . attends school dances . . . plans to become a stenographer.



DORIS E. SEARS

"TUBBY"

VOCATIONAL

*"Noble deeds that are concealed are most esteemed"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12;

A very quiet girl . . . well-liked . . . co-operative . . . never raises her voice in anger . . . one of the engaged girls . . . likes dancing and swimming . . . a good home ec. student . . . travels with her sister . . . good worker in the cafeteria . . . enjoys a hearty laugh . . . will probably get married after graduation.



LINABELLE SEARS

"LIMABEAN"

VOCATIONAL

*"No virtue goes with size"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Travel Club, 10; Hockey, 10.

Short brown hair . . . can be quiet at times . . . likes to laugh, but at times her giggling gets the best of her . . . friends with everyone . . . feelings are hurt easily . . . one of the seniors who sport a diamond . . . can be found in a green Mercury . . . often calls Don in Kentucky . . . enjoys hillbilly records . . . will probably settle down to keeping house.



CHARLES W. SMITH

"SMIFFY"

GENERAL

*"And what he greatly thought he nobly dared"*

Basketball, 11; Football, 12; Shop Club, 11; Glee Club, 12.

One of the short boys of the class, with a long crop of hair . . . often seen with Rodney . . . enjoys telling good jokes . . . usually amiable and agreeable, but—beware of that temper! . . . sometimes is a problem to Mrs. Shinehouse . . . will always take a dare . . . likes hillbilly records . . . good caller for a hoedown . . . takes homework as a joke . . . hasn't decided what he will do after graduation.





JEANETTE SMITH

"JENNIE"

COMMERCIAL

*"Kindness gives birth to kindness"*

Twirling, 10, 11, 12; Glee Club, 10; "Norco News", 10; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; Shop Club, 11.

One of the shorties of the class . . . argumentative . . . favorite pastime is talking . . . works at the "Cup" . . . always seen with Gloria and Janet . . . enjoys her twirling position in the band . . . has found the Commercial course to her liking . . . goes steady with Gerry . . . possesses a quick temper . . . likes to go cruising . . . works in Mr. Grim's office . . . bites her fingernails when agitated . . . would like to become a secretary.



JOHN D. SMITH

"CLIPPER"

ACADEMIC

*"Most joyful let the poet be;  
It is through him that all men see"*

"Norco News", 12; Boys' Glee Club, 9, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Wears a short hair cut . . . walks with his shoulders back and chest out . . . usually known as "Clipper", but has a variety of nicknames . . . doesn't waste any time in going from one place to another . . . likes all girls . . . great poet . . . a singing dancer . . . an expert at driving a motor scooter . . . one of Mr. Brown's problem children . . . is not hard to get along with . . . dislikes "wise guys" . . . his hobbies are collecting post cards and writing to foreign pen pals . . . after graduation hopes to become a missionary.



LOWELL E. STEPHENS

"LOWELL"

VOCATIONAL

*"Hear much; speak little"*

F. F. A., 9, 10, 11, 12—secretary; Band, 11, 12;

Quiet but not shy . . . works in People's Drug Store, where he haunts the girls at the soda fountain . . . is trying to make time with a girl in a red coat . . . plays trombone in the band . . . capable secretary for F. F. A. . . . likes girls and playing the trombone . . . drives a hot "46" Ford . . . future is undecided.



MARGARETE H. V. SUCHOMEL "MARGARETE"

ACADEMIC

*"The silence that is in the starry sky"*

Allied Youth, 12; Color Guard, 12

Exchange student from Austria . . . blue eyes . . . sweet expression . . . pleasant personality . . . quiet . . . co-operative . . . blushes easily . . . makes friends easily . . . liked by all her classmates . . . takes her school work seriously . . . has her eye on a senior boy . . . enjoys sports, dancing, and music . . . is fond of babies and small children . . . can be found any time at Wampler's . . . finds life in the United States very pleasant . . . after graduation would like to return home, finish her schooling, and become an English teacher.





JANET M. WEISS

"JANET"

COMMERCIAL

*"Sweets with sweets war not, joy delights in joy"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10, 11; Class Play prompter, 12; "Norco News", 9, 10, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Short dark hair . . . pretty brown eyes . . . good swimmer . . . possesses a temper . . . enjoys good food and a hearty laugh . . . her hobbies are writing letters and collecting post cards . . . dislikes homework . . . will help anyone in trouble . . . easy to have fun with . . . Mr. Springer's problem . . . has a high opinion of a boy named Carl . . . future is undecided.



BARBARA A. WELLS

"BARBARA"

COMMERCIAL

*"Silence is more eloquent than words"*

Allied Youth, 10; Class Play, 11, 12; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Tallest girl of the class . . . very quiet . . . never gets angry . . . sports a sparkler . . . travels with Doris . . . thinks only of Joe . . . enjoys writing letters to Germany . . . likes to take part in class plays . . . known for her height . . . seldom goes to school dances . . . enjoys basketball games . . . will laugh when you get her started . . . good friend to all classmates . . . will marry Joe and begin housekeeping.



MARY E. YOCUM

"ROSEBUD"

COMMERCIAL

*"Her modest looks the cottage might adorn,  
Sweet as the primrose peeps beneath the thorn"*

Glee Club, 9, 10, 11, 12; Allied Youth, 10; "Torch" Staff, 12.

Dark brown hair and eyes . . . fair complexion . . . modest . . . good sport . . . co-operative . . . never worries about her naturally curly hair . . . has a liking for winter sports, baseball, and roller skating . . . secretary to Mrs. Clark . . . boys are the least of her worries (?) . . . resides in Kenilworth . . . blushes easily . . . never seen without Frances . . . dislikes the idea of washing dishes . . . constantly worries about her report card . . . loves to watch television late at night . . . has trouble catching the school bus in the morning . . . would like to work in a bank.



# FAMILIAR FACES AROUND NORCO





# Class Song . . .

In days that have long gone by,  
Here at Norco we had our fun.

We have studied and tried to do  
The best that we could have done.

## CHORUS

So the classmates of fifty-three  
Leaders will be, for all to see—  
Ever pressing on to the best  
For the land that has made us free.

But all too fast days have passed  
And soon we must all depart  
We will leave behind mem'ries dear  
Looking for a career to start.

TUNE:—"Follow the Gleam"

WORDS:—Janet Hoffecker and Marilyn Long



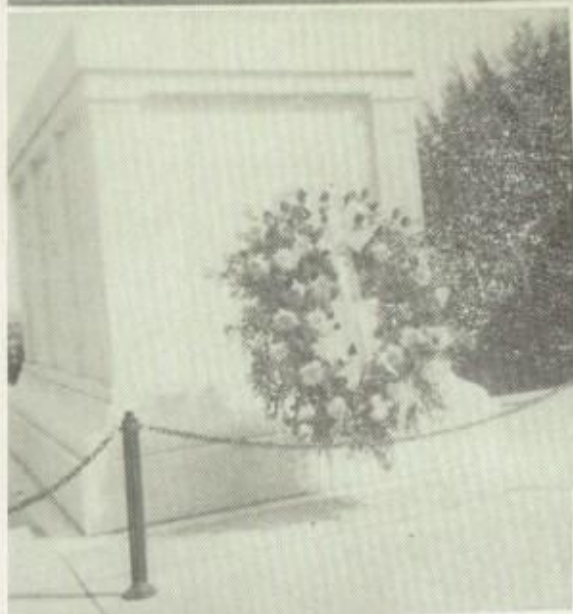
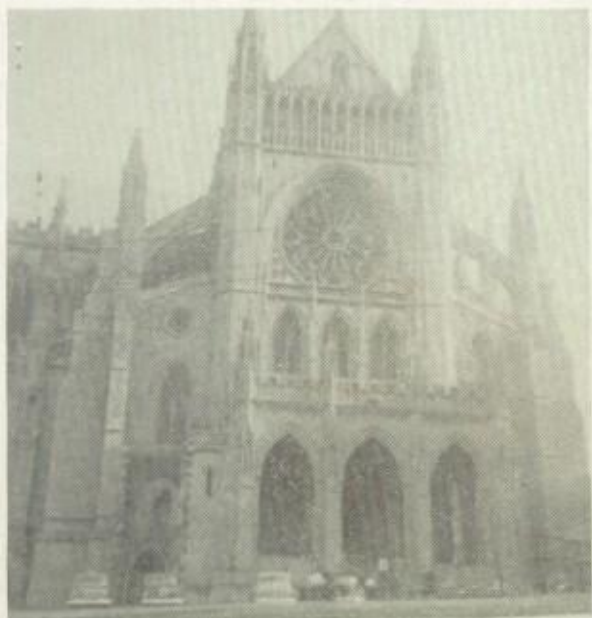
# Class Poem . . .

The hour has come for the Class of Fifty-Three  
To leave Norco's portals forever;  
And, with a sense of being free,  
Our bonds with Norco High we must sever.  
We'll miss the chatter and the echoing  
Of merry voices in the long, dim hall.  
We'll hear no more the bells with their shrill ring,  
As to duty patrol boys they do call.  
We thank the teachers who have guided us;  
And, in our small, inadequate way,  
We'd like to apologize for all the fuss  
We might have caused our teachers every day.  
Our studies often seemed to be a strain,  
The foolish, lazy ones by the wayside fell.  
But now we know 'twas all for us to gain,  
Some learning that would serve our future well.  
Now at this moment that we all must leave,  
Consider our motto and you will not grieve  
"Like the atom are we—  
Small, mighty, and free"  
May these words ever an inspiration be.

SHIRLEY KELLAR



# "CAPITAL CAMERA"





# Wandering Thru Washington

The bright sunny day we left . . . waiting in the buses for "Duke" Kinckiner and "Della" Miller . . . the excitement when the buses pulled away . . . the fashion shows put on by Bill Collins and Mary Ann Kocur . . . Janet Weiss, Margarete Suchomel, and Ruth Leyrer trying to sleep . . . arriving at the hotel and receiving the keys to our rooms . . . getting on some comfortable clothes and eating our first meal at the hotel . . . Thea-Mae Phillips gracefully falling up the steps in the dining room . . . early telephone calls from the downstairs desk . . . the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier . . . the midnight cruise . . . a few lucky (?) girls that got sailors . . . Paul Pentz, Ed John, Ernest Kully, and Rodney McMullen taking "basketball" lessons on the boat . . . the shooting exhibition at the F. B. I. Building . . . the beautiful sights at Mount Vernon . . . George Washington's grave . . . the tiresome task of climbing the Washington Monument . . . the beautiful Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials . . . the wonder of the Capitol and the White House . . . All that money at the mint . . . saying "beans" for the photographer when we got our class picture taken on the Capitol lawn . . . the coin collections, airplanes, ships, and clothing on display at the Smithsonian Institute . . . everyone trying to relax on the way home . . . sticking lollipops in the mouths of sleeping boys and girls . . . Larry Porter complaining about how hungry he was . . . stopping at the Oxford Post House for a fine dinner . . . North Coventry High School looking better to us than ever before.

## THROUGH THE GIRLS' GOGGLES

Lila Ritchie eating candy through the veil of her hat . . . Ruth Leyrer's broken camera . . . giving Patsy Loughin a ride on the mattress while she was sleeping . . . pillow fights in Room 316 . . . Mary Ann sleeping in the bottom drawer of the bureau . . . the pajama

parade . . . the flood caused by a leaky faucet . . . room service for Cokes . . . hair-setting party in Room 318 . . . Shirley McGowan falling on a broken bed in Teresa Brower and Ann Reinstein's room . . . Harriet Detwiler's cold shower in the middle of the night . . . Shirley Kellar losing a very important item . . . Lila searching frantically for a lost picture . . . Agnes Barlas losing her wallet on the boat . . . stopping the bus in front of the Austrian Embassy for Margarete to take a picture . . . Patsy, Irmgard Drenckhahn, Barbara Cressman, and Margarete watching a handsome stranger in the room across from theirs . . . Irmgard eating in time to music . . . Thea-Mae getting her head caught under the mattress while trying to fix a broken bed . . . Mary Ann and Jean Brower tearing apart the beds in Agnes, Ruth, and Barbara Wells' room . . . Jeanette Smith "making time" with one of the fellows . . . Doris Sears losing her shoes on the boat . . . Shirley McGowan listening to hillbillies on the radio at 5:30 in the morning (how could she get up that early?) . . . "Corky" getting lost on the free night.

## A BOY'S EYE VIEW

Feeling slightly warm in their Sunday clothes . . . having a good time in their hotel rooms . . . Lowell Fries jumping from balcony to balcony on the fifth floor . . . Bombarding cars and pedestrians with water balloons from their windows . . . Larry and Charlie Smith playing football in the hall . . . Rodney, Elmer Baker, Collins, Charlie, "Blackie" Batdorf, Larry, and Jack Eachus playing cards at 2:30 in the morning . . . waiting anxiously for the pajama parade . . . Paul asking a taxi driver directions to the hotel . . . Charlie and Larry getting their picture taken in pajamas . . . John Petrick sandwiching Collins between two mattresses and sitting on them.



# Philadelphia . . .

One rainy day in the middle of November, 1952, the Seniors traveled by bus to Philadelphia to tour the Franklin Institute.

Upon arriving we went directly to the auditorium where we were amazed at the experiments performed by a clever Italian chemist. We were bewildered as we examined the room of optical illusions. Some of the weight-conscious girls got an uneasy feeling when they saw themselves in the convex-concave mirror, appearing as they would if they weighed approximately 250 pounds or more.

After lunch the students were thrilled when everyone was permitted to operate the controls of a locomotive. While waiting to go to the Westinghouse show we met a former North Coventry faculty member, Mr. Paolantonio, who seemed happy to see us once more.

At the show the students were informed about the fundamentals of color television and were much impressed by its possibilities.

Last and perhaps the most enjoyable was the show in the planetarium, which is a large circular room having a dome shaped ceiling. As the universe was projected upon the ceiling, Professor Fisher lectured on the positions of the heavenly bodies of our universe. He gave the history of the telescope and told about the men associated with this instrument, who had contributed to the development of this graphic means of informing the public about the heavens.

We sang, laughed, and joked on the homeward bus trip and arrived in North Coventry with the feeling that we had spent a profitable and entertaining day.

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The seniors continued their travels in the City of Brotherly Love on December 10, with Mr. Grim, Mr. Copeland, and Mr. Brey as our chaperones. Our first stop was at Independence Hall, where our impatient guide lifted his hat and said "Now, seniors," every time one of us started to talk.

Eating lunch at the automat was a new and exciting experience for some of us, but we all enjoyed the delicious food that came out in response to the click of our money.

Our next stopping place was Christ Church, where we saw the pew in which George and Martha Washington and Betsy Ross used to sit. Here also was the oldest baptismal font in America. All church furnishings were authentic pre-Revolutionary pieces; some were actually used in Christ Church in those early times.

From Christ Church we walked through Elfreth Alley, the oldest and narrowest street in Philadelphia, to the Betsy Ross House, where many of us bought souvenirs.

The *Inquirer* Building was the next point of interest. We were impressed by the beautiful executive offices and by the general air of quiet efficiency, as everywhere there were evidences of preparation for the busy time in the evening when the paper would go to press. Our more artistic pupils enjoyed the art room. We were all fascinated by the incoming news on the teletype. Our guide proudly showed us a new and expensive piece of machinery which prints roto-comics by a process that prints all colors at one time.

We were left to do as we wished for about two hours, and so we took individual tours of John Wanamaker's—some shopping, others just looking. Some of our boys went to see Santa Claus, who was not very enthusiastic about such big children, and refused to let them sit on his knee to be photographed. We admired the beautiful decorations and enjoyed the carol singing, led by several girls in beautiful old-fashioned gowns. Our strenuous day made us hungry, but we remedied that matter by eating at Wanamaker's Lunch Counter.

About 5:30 we came together at Philadelphia's famous rendezvous, the "Eagle", and started on our homeward journey, full of Christmas spirit and good cheer. We sang merrily all the way home, returning to Norco about seven-thirty.





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VISIT





# Jr. Class Play – "The Little Dog Laughed"



On April 18, 1952, the Junior Class of North Coventry High School presented a three-act comedy, "The Little Dog Laughed", under the direction of Mr. John B. DeVincentis.

As the curtain went up Laurie Huntington (Anna Reinstein) had just arrived home from college to find her family all tied up in psychological knots.

Sid Huntington (John Petrick), her father, isn't his normal self, because Ted Wood (Paul Pentz), his rival in the used-car business, is about to snatch a much coveted dealership; and Sid is touchy because he fears his loan from the bank won't go through.

Martha (Teresa Brower), Laurie's mother, is much too nervous about the tea to which she has invited a number of important ladies.

Wally Huntington (William Collins), Laurie's younger brother, is in the family doghouse because he insists on going "steady" with cute Joan Wood (Patricia Loughin), Ted Wood's daughter.

Laurie, confident that her college courses in psychology fully qualify her to straighten out her family's tangled lives, goes to work. Her interference completely finishes off Wally's romance with Joansie. The maid,

convinced that she's a genius, is off to college! And then, at the tea, while Martha is out of the room, Laurie administers the Zombrowski Ink Blot Test and lays devastatingly bare the "inner personalities" of her mother's guests. That night, after Laurie has gone on a date with moody Mark Bradford (Fred Kerlin), the family decide to teach her a lesson, and when she returns from her date at one-thirty in the morning, they put on a "show" that Laurie will remember for a long time. Mark leaves and Laurie, humiliated beyond endurance, soon follows. Her family anxiously awaits her return. Meanwhile, Wally invites Ted Wood and his aggressive wife, Lillian, (Barbara Wells) to the Huntington House.

Before the meeting is finished, both Ted and Sid apply some psychology—as well as some other things—to each other! Happily, Sid ends up with a better understanding of his rival, as well as prospects of a new partner. The returning Laurie, realizing now that a little psychology is a dangerous thing, finds forgiveness and love from her family—and Mark! Wally and Joansie have re-discovered each other through a "mutual crisis"; and almost everyone has learned something new and helpful about himself.



# Sr. Class Play – "Love Is In The Air"



"Love Is in the Air," but it seems that none of the Truitt Family can find it. Gladys (Ann Reinstein) can't maneuver Roscoe Blipp (Howard Moyer) into proposing. Clarence (William Collins) can't find out the name of the new girl across the street (Irmgard Drenckhahn), and he has to hurry because his friend, Hugo Nogginknocker (Robert Mathews) is hot on her trail himself. Thirteen-year-old Maggie (Lila Ritchie) finds that every boy she asks to the Girl Scout Wienie roast develops a toothache, and even Mother (Teresa Brower) can't persuade her husband Elmer (Rodney McMullen) to take her to see a revival of "Blossom Time."

The Truitt children are concerned because their parents apparently have lost all interest in romance. Elmer is astonished to discover what his family think of him and proceeds to win the lodge fund-raising contest and earn a ride in a jet plane.

Now that their father is a hero, things look bright for Maggie and Clarence. In

order to get her father's autograph, Beanie Weaver (Fred Kerlin) has to take Maggie to the wienie roast and get a boy to take Poodles (Thea Mae Philips). Clarence makes a good impression on Jackie, the new girl, by helping her interview his father for the school paper.

As the day for the plane ride approaches, Elmer loses interest because of warnings about the danger of the ride. One particularly effective comedy scene is the visit of the Lady Buffaloes (Barbara Wells, Mary Ann Kocur, Gloria Care) who bid him a brave and sad farewell. Elmer is convinced that the end is near and becomes very attentive to Gert. He showers her with flowers and candy and decides to take her to "Blossom Time", after all. Roscoe finally proposes to Gladys, and Elmer gets out of the plane ride by letting lovable, philosophical old Gramps (Paul Pentz) take the ride as his birthday present.



# Class History . . .

As the famous manuscript collectors, "Corky" and Shirley, flew their rocket ship from Jupiter to Mars they came across the diary of the class of '53 hanging on a meteorite. They thought this would be a fine addition to the collection which the "Big Four" have been making of historical data of Norco.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1949—Today as eager freshmen we started our long-awaited high school career. Among us were many new pupils from Monocacy and South Coventry. Some of us were in Room 11 with Mr. Brown and others in Room 4 with Mr. Paolontonio to advise us. Our first duty was to elect class officers. The results were "Bill" Collins, president; Wilmer Kinckiner, vice president; Patsy Loughin, secretary; treasurer, Janet Hoffecker.

OCTOBER 29, 1949—Tonight we held our first dance, the Hallowe'en Dance. Upon arrival everyone had to endure the tortures of the Chamber of Horrors. The upstairs hallway was lined with loose hay which made the floor very slippery. Ropes were strung across the hall to trip unsuspecting victims.

DECEMBER 21, 1949—Today we exchanged gifts and held a party in our home rooms. There was great hilarity as we looked forward to vacation and prospects of gifts from Santa.

FEBRUARY 13, 1950—We all appreciated the valentines we received. John Smith sent one to every girl.

APRIL 23, 1950—Tonight was the Junior-Senior Prom. A few of us attended and had a wonderful evening, even though we felt very young among the upperclassmen.

JUNE 7, 1950—The first lap of the race is over, leaving us exhausted from the strain of finals. Will we ever be seniors? Most of us passed, so we have a good chance of reaching our goal.

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Oh! Part of the diary is missing, but there seem to be some pages hanging on another meteorite over there. Shirley slowed down the rocket ship, and "Corky" hung out the window and grabbed the precious papers.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1950—The class reported, minus a few who hadn't the courage to continue the race. We were assigned to Rooms 11 and 2, under Mr. Paolontonio and Mr. Brown. There was a rush in each room for the seats farthest from the teacher's desk.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1950—Our first class meeting of the year was held today. The vote for officers resulted thus: Fred Kerlin, president; "Duke", vice president; Patsy, secretary; Janet and Harriet Detwiler, treasurers. Janet mentioned paying dues so we can begin to save money for our Washington trip. The seniors are back with reports of a gay time. Why can't we just skip next year and be seniors sooner?

OCTOBER 10, 1950—The social season is off with a bang! We opened it in dungarees, at the Farmer—Farmerette Dance tonight. Good crowd, everybody in a jolly mood; we really swung around like country lads and lasses.

OCTOBER 30, 1950—For the first time our school band and cheerleaders marched in the Hallowe'en Parade in Pottstown.

OCTOBER 31, 1950—Tonight the Freshmen (such young, unsophisticated children) held their Hallowe'en Dance. Some of us big boys and girls, remembering our struggles last year, decided to patronize the affair. Afterwards a group of us went Hallowe'ening.

NOVEMBER 21, 1950—Today Thanksgiving Day, the Wildcats brought home the Perk's League Crown of the "Little Four Conference" by defeating West Pottsgrove 13-0.

DECEMBER 21, 1950—The Christmas holidays started today at noon. We spent most of our morning enjoying our annual Christmas assembly program, also, preparing for our home room parties at which we always enjoy exchanging gifts. It is so much fun to look at all the gifts of others, too.

JANUARY 11, 1951—We took some mid-year exams today. Now that they are over, we begin to wonder if we will pass and if we really studied as hard as we should have. All we can do is wait to see the results.

JANUARY 22, 1951—The mixed chorus staged the operetta "Down In the Valley" under Mrs. Phillips' capable direction. The story was centered around a Blue Ridge Mountain family with a young daughter of marriagable age. The problem arose as to whom the daughter should marry. Should it be a wealthy boy—the choice of her parents, or her own choice—a boy with less material wealth? Jim Jones and Jane Camaho were cast in two of the leading parts.

JANUARY 24, 1951—We didn't have school today so we arose later than usual. What a relief to be finished with our exams and get a rest.



# Class History . . .

MARCH 8, 1951—Career conferences started today. We appreciated the time devoted to us by the many professional and business men who presided at our meeting. This is the first time our school has undertaken this type of program for us.

APRIL 16, 1951—A committee was appointed to pick our class rings today. We chose one box which a salesman had shown to us. Naturally the style was not liked by all classmates.

APRIL 27, 1951—Tonight many of us attended the Junior-Senior Prom. The theme for the prom was Twilight Time. June Laverty and Francis Wampler reigned as King and Queen for the evening.

MAY 1, 1951—This evening we presented the sixth annual Spring Concert. It featured a series of group ballads, quartets and solo numbers. Vicky George, Suzanne Kirby and Joan Lucas were accompanists under the direction of Mrs. Elva Phillips.

JUNE 7, 1951—School has closed and most of us are looking forward to our junior year.

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While cruising along, hunger pangs hit "Corky" and Shirley so they stopped for a sandwich at the Saturn Sandwich Shop. While on Saturn, they visited one of the bookshops where they secured another installment of the Diary of the Class of '53.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1951—Returning to school today, we found ourselves in our new home rooms 10 and 2 with Mr. Springer and Mr. Pine as our home room teachers.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1951—We functioned officially as a class today when we met to elect our class officers. We all voted to keep our officers from the previous year, with the exception of treasurer which now will be handled by Janet Hoffecker alone.

NOVEMBER 21, 1951—We're looking forward to a much needed six-day rest!

DECEMBER 21, 1951—Another vacation is before us. Oh happy days! The exchange of gifts resulted in great hilarity in some cases. Delicious refreshments finished the party in fine style.

DECEMBER 27, 1951—Many of the juniors and seniors were invited to the Cotillion in Pottstown, so there's been a great time finding partners, buying gowns, ordering corsages, and lining up transportation. It was a "super" affair with everyone displaying his best manners.

FEBRUARY 10, 1952—A terrible tragedy has struck our school and community. Nancy McElroy was killed on Ringing Hill, as the result of an automobile accident. We can never forget Nancy—always jolly, vivacious, friendly and helpful.

FEBRUARY 15, 1952—Our class attended Nancy's funeral to pay our last tribute to a beloved classmate.

APRIL 10, 1952—Easter vacation began. Adella and Jean have been comparing notes on their Easter outfits.

APRIL 19, 1952—Tonight was our first stage performance. We presented "The Little Dog Laughed" and the audience laughed, too. There were some real character parts; for instance, John Smith as the absent-minded professor and his lady friend, Ruth Leyrer, the maid.

APRIL 22, 1952—We've been rushing all week to decorate for the Prom. Many of us worked late tonight in the gym.

APRIL 23, 1952—Prom night! Almost morning, now! We staged a beautiful affair in honor of the seniors. Even the rain didn't bother us. We enjoyed Sherwood Yergey's orchestra and admired the good work we had done on the decorations, centered around the theme, Mardi Gras. King and Queen were Bill Rhymer and Christine Swavely.

MAY 29, 1952—Exams

MAY 30, 1952—Decoration Day—a heaven-sent interval!

JUNE 3, 1952—More exams.

JUNE 4, 1952—Last exams! Time out to collapse.

JUNE 7, 1952—The final assembly featured the seniors and presentation of various awards. As we occupied the seniors' chairs in the elementary auditorium, we began to realize that being a senior has its responsibilities, and its sadness.

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The final stage of the rocket ship flight brought Shirley and "Corky" to the moon. There, hanging on the left ear of the Man in the Moon, were the last scraps of the Class Diary. The girls refreshed their memories of their senior year.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1952—We have to admit that we're glad to be back in school. We were welcomed into Room 9 by Miss Delp and into Room 11 by Mrs. Ruoss ("Oh, Miss Pratt, you've changed your name!")



# Class History . . .

SEPTEMBER 5, 1952—First senior class meeting. Final instructions for the trip to Washington (We can hardly wait!) We elected the same group of class officers.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1952—Began packing for trip.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1952—Went to bed early, but couldn't sleep.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1952—We were certainly a bunch of sleepy seniors who boarded two Yergey Clippers at 7:30 A.M. We began to wake up after breakfast at Oxford.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1952—A free night—and we took full advantage of it. There are "spots" in Washington not on our itinerary.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1952—Home again—after three wonderful days and nights—without sleep. One of the Clippers broke down, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Everybody sang, laughed, played jokes and had fun!

SEPTEMBER 11, 1952—Seniors slept through classes.

OCTOBER 3, 1952—The Farmer-Farmerette Dance attracted a good sized crowd. What about breaking into people's houses after the dance, Paul?

OCTOBER 10, 1952—Thank you, sophomores, for a wonderful dance.

OCTOBER 18, 1952—School spirit is high. We won our first football game, with Schwenksville.

NOVEMBER 25, 1952—"Love Is in the Air"! It surely was in the air all evening as the play cast presented this side-splitting comedy. Every performer did a fine job.

NOVEMBER 27, 1952—Big pep rally!! Lowell Stephens failed to answer a question in the cheerleaders' "Truth or Consequences", so he had to count all the people in the assembly wearing red. Then off to a brief vacation.

DECEMBER 5, 1952—Bill Deegan's orchestra furnished enjoyable music for the Patrol Dance. Everybody looked attractive in "best bib and tucker". Bob and Bernice looked particularly happy.

DECEMBER 23, 1952—Those Christmas decorations that we spent so much time putting up had to come down today. But that's all right—for we won't be in school for ten long, happy days. Our last home room party was held in Room 9. Lots of useful and pretty gifts exchanged.

DECEMBER 29, 1952—The seniors were well represented at the Annual Cotillion in Pottstown, held this year in the Elks' Ballroom. And so the hours passed away—and the milkman came!

MARCH 6, 1953—Senior Dance was held tonight—our last chance to earn credit. Good crowd—all in a good mood.

MARCH 26, 1953—Seven seniors performed for the last time in a Spring Band Concert. We've enjoyed this work and hope the Norco Band will continue its successes.

APRIL 2, 1953—Off to find the Easter Bunny—hop! hop! hop!

APRIL 13 and 14, 1953—Two days of Career Conferences. Last chance for Seniors to get help on deciding our futures.

APRIL 20, 1953—Tonight the Glee Clubs-Girls', Junior High, and Boys'—took a "Musical Cruise" and presented a beautiful spring concert under the direction of Miss Mary Jane Moyer.

APRIL 24, 1953—Prom Night—and entirely different from other years. The P. T. A. treated us to a delicious dinner from seven until nine and provided refreshments and entertainment after the dance. The theme of the dance was "April In Paris". "Duke" Kinckiner and "Corky" Long were crowned King and Queen. Everything was just right—decorations, orchestra, and entertainment.

MAY 20-22, 1953—Those final finals!

MAY 24, 1953—Baccalaureate services were held in the Coventry Brethren Church. We were impressed by the sermon preached by the Rev. Keiper.

MAY 27, 1953—We came home tonight with those long-hoped-for diplomas. We can be proud of the fine Commencement. Janet Hoffecker, Alice Mae Bauman, and Mary Yocum gave the honor speeches. Fred passed the mantle on to Donald Laverty. Dr. Tehyi Heich, a Chinese scholar, gave an address that was both helpful and humorous.

JUNE 3, 1953—Midnight—We can close this diary now. Today we were alumni sitting on the stage in final assembly, looking down at the seniors of '54. Good-bye, Norco, we're off to other schools and other work, but we'll never forget you.



# Class Will . . .

We, the Senior Class of North Coventry High School, in the county of Chester, State of Pennsylvania, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

ELMER BAKER wills his brilliant definitions in English class to Dorla Faye Darlington.

AGNES BARLAS leaves her dependability in commercial projects to Dale Kirby.

JAMES BATDORF bequeaths his nickname "Blackie" to Mr. Brown, who can add this to his various nicknames.

ALICE MAE BAUMAN leaves her ability to get along with everyone to Nancy Orandosh.

JEAN BROWER wills her spotless white buck shoes to Shirley Freese, along with her formula for keeping them clean.

TERESA BROWER is willing to pass on to underclass girls her quick-change method of heart affairs.

GLORIA CARE wills her position as cafeteria accountant to Fay Faust.

WILLIAM COLLINS wills his witty outbursts to inarticulate Horace Smith.

BARBARA CRESSMAN leaves her crying laugh to Jewel Dancy.

HARRIET DETWILER wills her ability to play the trombone to Mr. Buckwalter, who may enjoy some musical talent.

IRMGARD DRENCKHAHN leaves her proficiency in French to Eva Smith.

JACK EACHUS wills his taxi service to Charles Lightcap, so that "Chuck" may take a group of students to town every night.

LOWELL FRIES passes on his collection of tardy slips to Mr. Alderfer, who can add them to his files.

CAROLYN GARNER bequeaths her red-tinted hair to Bette Day, so she too can have that "orange" look.

JANET HOFFECKER wills her studiousness to James Henry, so that he can astonish his teachers with perfect recitations and well-prepared lessons.

EDWARD JOHN wills his ability to memorize his geometry theorems to Dorothy Rosewarne.

SHIRLEY KELLAR wills her pep and personality and position of captain of the cheerleaders to Carol Mary Bitler.

FREDERIC KERLIN wills the experience he has gained in the presidency of his class to Richard Moyer, president of the freshman class.

WILMER KINCKINER wills his ability for making excuses to run around during activity period to Roger Hatfield.

MARY ANN KOCUR wills her slim stature to Arlene Richards, so Arlene may some day become a Powers model.

ERNEST KULLY leaves to Earl Leary that subtle way of teasing his classmates.

BERNICE LANDIS wills her ability to play hockey to Bette Lou Moyer.



# Class Will . . .

RUTH LEYRER is willing to give her fur coat to Jean Ann Kepner to keep Jean Ann warm on the way out to the cafeteria.

ROBERT LINK wills his crooning while dancing to "Sonny" Brower.

MARILYN LONG wills her enjoyment and skill in riding horses to Charlotte Gumma.

PATRICIA LOUGHIN bequeaths her subtle sense of humor to Pat Cannell, who can't control her giggle.

SHIRLEY MAUGER wills her everlasting supply of chewing gum to Mrs. Machamer.

ROBERT MATTHEWS leaves his list of complaints about this school to Betty Ann Clark.

SHIRLEY MCGOWAN hands on to Joan Lucas her pleasant smile.

RODNEY McMULLEN wills his short crew cuts to John Brower.

ADELLA MILLER wills her restlessness to Janet Kirby, so she may become an active member of the ninth grade.

HOWARD MOYER wills his neat appearance and smart ensembles to Leslie Learn, who will then be the best dressed boy in his class.

FRANCES NIMMERICHTER wills her blue sweater to Darlene Frederick.

PAUL PENTZ wills his originally designed shirts to David Miller, so that David will not have to travel to California to get some like them.

JOHN PETRICK passes on his pegged pants to Russell Biehl.

THEA-MAE PHILLIPS wills her lack of initiative in tumbling class to the eighth grade class, which is boiling over with enthusiasm.

VIRGINIA PIERCE leaves her diamond to Gladys Shrum, who can practice flashing it before admiring friends.

LARRY PORTER wills his daily morning tussle with Lowell Fries to Kenneth Bealer.

WILLIAM POWELL wills his ability to lead the band to Bill Rowland, so that the band will continue to be a success.

ANNA REINSTEIN bequeaths her sophisticated air to Kathryn Beidler.

LILA RITCHIE wills her red hair to Mr. DeVincentis, so he has a reason for losing his temper.

LINABELLE SEARS leaves her vocal ability to Mr. Rhymer, who has a spare bucket in which to carry it.

DORIS SEARS wills her ability to bake cakes to John Nesley so that he may make a good husband for some lucky girl.

JEANETTE SMITH leaves her technique in getting along with the teachers to Carl Hofecker.

CHARLES SMITH wills his ability to sing cowboy songs to Mary Kazimer, so that Mary can provide entertainment for all Junior Class activities.

JOHN SMITH wills his unusual strut to Donald Laverty.

LOWELL STEPHENS wills his quietness to Enos Kellar, so Enos may become a refined young gentleman.



# Class Will . . .

MARGARETE SUCHOMEL wills her charming smile and courteous ways to Barbara Vogt.

JANET WEISS wills her argumentative personality to April Asseo.

BARBARA WELLS wills her absences from school to Leo Asseo.

MARY YOCUM wills her secretarial efficiency to Robert Steiner.

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We, the Senior Class of '53, request that in the near future the students have—

Report cards on which all grades look like A's to parents.

A new heating system for Room 11.

An air-conditioning system in Rooms 10 and 12.

Elevators for those who haven't the ambition to walk up and down stairs.

A chewing gum machine for Room 6.

Teachers who like movies and dislike homework.

Beds in each classroom for those who were out late the night before.

An amplifying system exclusively for the latest gossip.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto subscribed our name and set our seal this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-three.

SENIOR CLASS OF 1953

FRED KERLIN, *President*

The foregoing instrument was given in our presence, signed, sealed, published, and declared by the Class of '53, the testator named herein, as and for its last will and testament, whereupon we, the undersigned, as its request, and in their presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto:

ESTHER C. CLARK  
JESSIE M. DELP  
ALVIN S. ALDERFER  
JEAN P. RUOSS





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## Safe Return Of Planet Ship Hailed As Man's Greatest Achievement

### BIGGEST SHOW COMES TO NORCO THREE-DAY STAND

The Larry - Daly - Porter Brothers' biggest show on earth pitched their tents on the rolling acres behind the new million-dollar Norwick High School, situated along the Turtledove Creek at the foot of the Beechnut Hills. The ringmaster, Larry Porter, who made his millions in Hollywood as a prominent producer for Getro-Moldwyn-Gayer is also part owner of the gigantic show.

#### CLASSMATES UNITED IN SIDE SHOW

Two of the freaks in the Porter Show were once classmates in North Coventry High School. Together they prove the "long and short of it." Shirley McGowan, the dwarf, is so small that she is a living example of "walking under a snake with a high hat on."

Barbara Wells, the tall woman, demonstrates her method of washing second-story windows without a ladder. This is her business when the circus season is finished.

In a sideshow tent, Virginia Pierce puts on her world-famous act, in which she risks death daily, evading the blows of a boxing kangaroo. Her sparring partner who keeps her in practice is her husband.

#### JOHN SMITH DISCOVERS DODO

John Smith, renowned ornithologist, in charge of an expedition in the Middle Congo region of French Equatorial Africa, has discovered in a remote jungle section a living dodo, closely resembling the extinct ancestor that has given rise to the saying: "Dead as a dodo." Accompanying Smith is Wilmer Kinckiner, who acted as the professor's interpreter in dealing with the French government. Kinckin-

er's linguistic ability has enabled him to learn very quickly several native dialects.

#### Famous Couple Accompany Smith Safari

Gloria Care, the naturalist, sent along under the auspices of the Philadelphia Zoo, is reported to have created great disturbance in the animal kingdom by talking the ears off countless monkeys. Lowell Fries is in charge of Miss Care's scientific notes and is the efficiency expert evaluating the methods of the safari (there is some criticism of Smith's erratic methods). Fries is attempting to teach habits of punctuality to the natives who accompany the expedition.

#### STEPHENS SUBDUES FIERCE BENGAL TIGERS

Quiet, shy Lowell Stephens performs one of the most spectacular acts of the show when his six, snarling, blood-thirsty Bengal tigers obey his orders and perform almost unbelievable feats of balance. The climax of the act comes when Stephens fearlessly puts his head into the mouth of the fiercest tiger.

#### Circus Doctor Has Unusual Problems

An Oracle reporter interviewed the circus veterinarian, Dr. Paul Pentz. The doctor was busy teaching a giraffe how to gargle for a

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#### PILOT WILLIAM COLLINS THE MAN OF THE HOUR

The safe return of the "Comet" from the first successful trip to another planet ever made by man opens a new era for earthlings. Pilot William Collins and his brave crew reported on the wonders of their flight and the possibilities of colonizing Mercury. Great credit for the success of the venture goes to the mathematical genius, Edward John, who figured the path of the flight. The renowned artist Robert Link, the official sky writer, wrote signs in the atmosphere, which helped to guide the "Comet" safely home. The crew reported the Mercurians to be odd little three-legged creatures, covered by a thick, tough, white skin without pigment, which repels heat. They were obviously intelligent and friendly. Communications were made by signs.

#### Mercurians Enjoy Earthly Pleasures

The female Mercurians showed great interest in the clothing of the space ship crew. They showed evident enjoyment of the modeling of the latest in space suits by Teresa Brower.

James Batdorf, the agricultural expert, was interested in farming prospects on Mercury. An analysis of the soil showed possibilities of his settling a group of agricultural settlers on Mercury, with the idea of cultivating foods that freeze as they grow so that they may be suitable for new colonists until they become adapted to the heat.

The crew returned in good health, largely because of their dietitian, Alice Mae Bauman, who got them accustomed to a diet with practically no calories. The diet consisted of stardust supplemented by an occasional milkshake from the Milky Way.



**PERSONALITY QUIZ**

1. What famous man has contributed his secret formula to the science world to aid obese people with his Pills for Pudgy People
2. Who has gained world publicity advertising for the new Bouncy Mattress Company with her uncanny ability to sleep in public store windows on a Bouncy Mattress without awakening?
3. Who is the present Congressional librarian?
4. Who is the lady designing the frilly bustles modeled by Adella Miller, our leading Wowers model?
5. Who are the two men who have formed a partnership to direct a campaign for the comeback of hillbilly music?
6. Who is the leading drum-major now being featured with Larry-Daly-Porter Bros. circus?
7. Who is the archaeologist who just uncovered the remains of the Kerlin-Kully Music House which was buried under debris from an atomic explosion set off by Coach Buckwalter when his basketball team just missed the state championship by two points?
8. Who is the young lady teaching the hockey team how to hold their hockey sticks so that they may prevent all injuries to the hand?

**ADV.**

Jean Brower seeks practical nursing job. Will be available for work between 10 A. M. and 12 noon.

**ADV.**

FOR SALE OR HIRE—Three riding horses, with built-in saddles. Bred on my own farm. Call PONY 4-3656. Ask for Marilyn Long.

FOR SALE—Oil paintings for dreary rooms. See Carolyn Garner, U1 Paint Street.

**REORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL ORDER**

NUREMBURG, Germany, June 2 (AP).—Germany has started the long process of reorganization of their social order. Irmgard Drenckhahn, who spent one year in North Coventry High School, near Pottstown, Pennsylvania, has volunteered her services to aid the cause.

**NORWICK WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS IN BIRCHVILLE**

The June meeting of the club was held in the home of Mrs. Frances Nimmerichter Smythe in her famous rose gardens. A feature of the meeting was a book review by Dr. John Eachus, German professor at Pine Forge University, on the latest book written by Margarete Suchomel of Vienna, Austria, entitled "My Memories of Norco."

Music was furnished by Harriet Detwiler Reyom and her musical family of six children, all of whom play the piano very well.

Mary Ann Kocur, chairlady of the Civic Committee, made a report on the progress of her committee's attempt to make problems of democracy instruction compulsory in both eleventh and twelfth grades.

An unusual part of the program was a lecture by Janet Weiss on her travels in India, where she had made great progress in teaching hyenas to laugh.

The famous Smythe quints helped to bring the meeting to a quick close by bringing on the scene their equally famous undeodorized pet skunks.

**NOTICE!**

Agnes Barlas makes her yodeling debut on the stage of our own Grand Theatre.

**LOOK FOR IT IN TOMORROW'S PAPER OPENING SOON!**

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**ADV.**

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TOURISTS — Transportation across Sahara Desert. See Baker's "Treks for Travelers." Choice of camel caravan, atomic-powered sand sled (no insurance coverage), or Elmer's reliable '39 Oldsmobile.

**BIGGEST SHOW COMES TO NORCO**

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cold. He was assisted by Shirley Kellar, a capable nurse, who showed our reporter how she trims corns on elephants' feet and the method she uses in applying an oversized corn plaster which she developed especially for this purpose.

**ESKIMOS LEARN WAYS OF CIVILIZED WORLD**

POINT BARROW, Alaska, June 2 (AP).—Eskimo children now enjoy the same sweets as kiddies south of the Arctic Circle. Super-saleswoman Barbara Cressman has made her fortune selling ice cream to the Eskimos. The natives no longer shiver in their parkas, since the famous dancer, Lila Ritchie, has taught them to jitterburg to keep warm.

**MATTHEWS UTILIZES NORTHERN SNOWS**

Robert Matthews, well known mortician, is carrying on experiments in the Polar region on better methods of "quick-freezing" corpses.

**ALL ALONG ROUTE 100**

By DOROTHY KILLJOY

The Sears Sisters dance team is back to Wideway after several years' retirement to take care of their rapidly increasing families.

Mary Yocum, movie star, renowned for those torrid parts in which she usually plays the exotic South American, sails today to rejoin and be reconciled to her handsome husband, heir to the baking powder millions.

Hot off the press—"Magic With Math" by Edna G. Shinehouse, a magnificent bit of research based on methods used by Norco students during Mrs. Shinehouse's years at North Coventry High School.

**ANSWERS TO PERSONALITY QUIZ**

1. John Petrick.
2. Patsy Loughin.
3. Shirley Mauger.
4. Anna Reinsteine.
5. Charles Smith and Rodney McMullen.
6. Jeanette Smith.
7. Janet Hoffecker.
8. Bernice Landis.





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Second row—Mrs. M. Machamer, advisor; V. Krisco, S. Schweitzer, E. Roberts, L. Manwiller, R. A. Riley, J. Richards, A. Asseo, C. Rondum, D. F. Darlington, N. Orandosh, M. Luft, T. Cisarik, W. Whitlatch, C. Lightcap, W. Yocum, E. Kellar.

Third row—R. Norris, J. Olexa, P. Bishop, E. Leary, D. Clemens, R. Brannon, A. Airey, L. Yerger, W. Rohland, R. Wolf.

Fourth row—Mr. S. Springer, advisor; R. Hatfield, J. Mourar, J. Brower, D. Laferty, C. Shaner, J. Nesley, Mr. C. Brey, advisor.

## CLASS OF '54

This year as the show which starred the seniors prepared for its grand finale, the juniors were also preparing, grooming themselves as replacements for the lead roles. By fall this class of '54 will have held the final dress rehearsal and the premier performance will begin.

As we think back over the time of preparation, the rehearsals of the year just past stand out most vividly in our minds. The cast assembled in Room 10 and the directors, Mr. Springer, Mr. Brey, and Mrs. Machamer called for silence. During the course of this meeting, Donald Laverty was elected class president; David Clemens, vice-president; Jeanne Smith, secretary; and Dorla Faye Darlington, treasurer. The dues were set at fifty cents per month.

It is easy for us to recall the pleased expressions upon the faces of our classmates, when the class rings, ordered during the sophomore year, finally arrived.

One of the highlights of the year was the preparation for and the presentation of the junior class play, "Down to Earth," under the capable direction of Mr. DeVincentis.

Now the scene changed and we found ourselves wondering under a Parisian sky. We stopped at a side walk cafe and danced to the music of Sherwood Yergey and his band. Upon hearing the familiar strains of "April in Paris," we realized that we were at the Junior Prom.

As we Juniors crammed for exams and enjoyed the spring weather, the curtain that would soon rise and begin for us next year's theatrical season was falling upon the final production staged by the seniors. The strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" faded in the distance. The newest group of alumni left their Alma Mater, well prepared for the critical audiences they would face on the stage of life.





## Class of '55

First row, left to right—P. Dahms, E. Brower, B. Rothenberger, A. Repko, M. Latch, S. Rondum, S. Eachus, B. Goswellin, L. McAfee, J. Horosky, C. Bitler, J. Lucas, D. Rosewarne, D. Batdorf, J. Rock, J. Kepner, B. Miller, B. Meyer.

Second row—G. Sheasley, C. Foreman, B. Kulp, C. Gumma, B. Day, B. Kennedy, A. Grubb, M. Hoffman, M. Opperman, E. Smith, L. Jones, E. Raifsnider, S. Neff, D. Zelanack, R. Thomas, W. Root, R. McGowan, D. Hatfield, D. Kline, Mr. John DeVincentis, advisor.

Third row—M. Creasy, K. Bealer, R. Biehl, D. Neff, D. Whitmoyer, R. Hewitt, J. Brower, R. Domin, L. Learn, K. Buckholtz, D. Kirby, G. Dotterer, W. Wise, D. Davis, R. Hampton, J. Helfrick, J. Mullin, H. Rogers.

Fourth row—A. Hughes, H. Garner, R. Hohl, R. Sitko, L. Wampsher.

Fifth row—Mr. Allyn Brown, advisor, R. Steiner, A. Carr.



## Class of '56

Front row, left to right—Mrs. C. Cook, advisor; B. L. Moyer, N. Spotts, F. Hohl, B. Vogt, S. Drumheller, B. Buckwalter, E. Clark, J. Moyer, R. Moyer, J. Dancy, M. A. Clemens, H. George, F. Arion, L. Swavely, J. Fox, M. R. Hahn, E. McMullen.

Second row—Mr. W. Wenrich, advisor; J. Quick, E. M. Houck, J. Hohl, S. Deitrich, P. Deibler, D. Frederick, P. Hipple, S. Freese, J. Christman, M. A. Rittenbaugh, J. Brown, A. M. Manwiller, J. Kirby, B. Goss, B. A. Kerr, H. Smith, E. Drumheller, Mr. K. Miller, advisor.

Third row—D. Lake, R. Care, R. Fehr, J. Brown, D. Lafferty, C. Carty, L. Asseo, J. Hewitt, R. Kellar, E. Orr, C. Miller.

Fourth row—C. Yeager, G. Sheeler, R. Faust, M. Kline, E. Woyton, A. Yocum, D. Lash.

Fifth row—C. Hoffecker, R. Cisik, W. Hallman, P. Brower.

Sixth row—F. Cisarik, J. Vanden Eden.



# "IN AND ABOUT NORCO"





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## Senior High Glee Club

Front row, left to right—E. Roberts, L. Manwiller, V. Krisco, A. Richards, C. M. Bitler, D. Rosewarne, S. Eachus, B. Goswellin, S. Rondum, J. A. Kepner, J. Lucas, B. Miller, B. L. Moyer, P. A. Kulp, B. Pike, N. Orandosh, A. Grubb, B. Rothenberger, R. Gorman.

Second row—F. Arion, H. George, S. Schweitzer, G. Keeler, J. Smith, D. Batdorf, A. Bauman, A. Reinstein, L. Sears, S. Kellar, J. Hoffecker, I. Drenckhahn, B. L. Kulp, C. Gumma, L. Jones, J. Steiff, B. Lloyd, S. Kirby, J. Torak.

Third row—F. Faust, E. Clark, G. Seydel, S. Neff, M. Hoffman, J. Rock, E. Smith, J. Quick, E. M. Houck, B. L. Moyer, D. Trythall.

Fourth row—A. Miller, J. Miller, D. Sears, B. Kennedy, F. Nimmerichter, T. Brower, S. McGowan, C. Rondum, D. F. Darlington.

Fifth row—J. Dancy, S. Drumheller, M. Vocum, L. Ritchie, G. Care.

Sixth row—H. Detwiler, J. Weiss, R. A. Riley, A. Asseo, M. Long.



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Second row—R. Lightcap, S. Sands, L. Rutter, S. Landis, E. Penrose, H. Bitler, G. Ingram, J. Tressler, Miss J. Moyer, advisor.

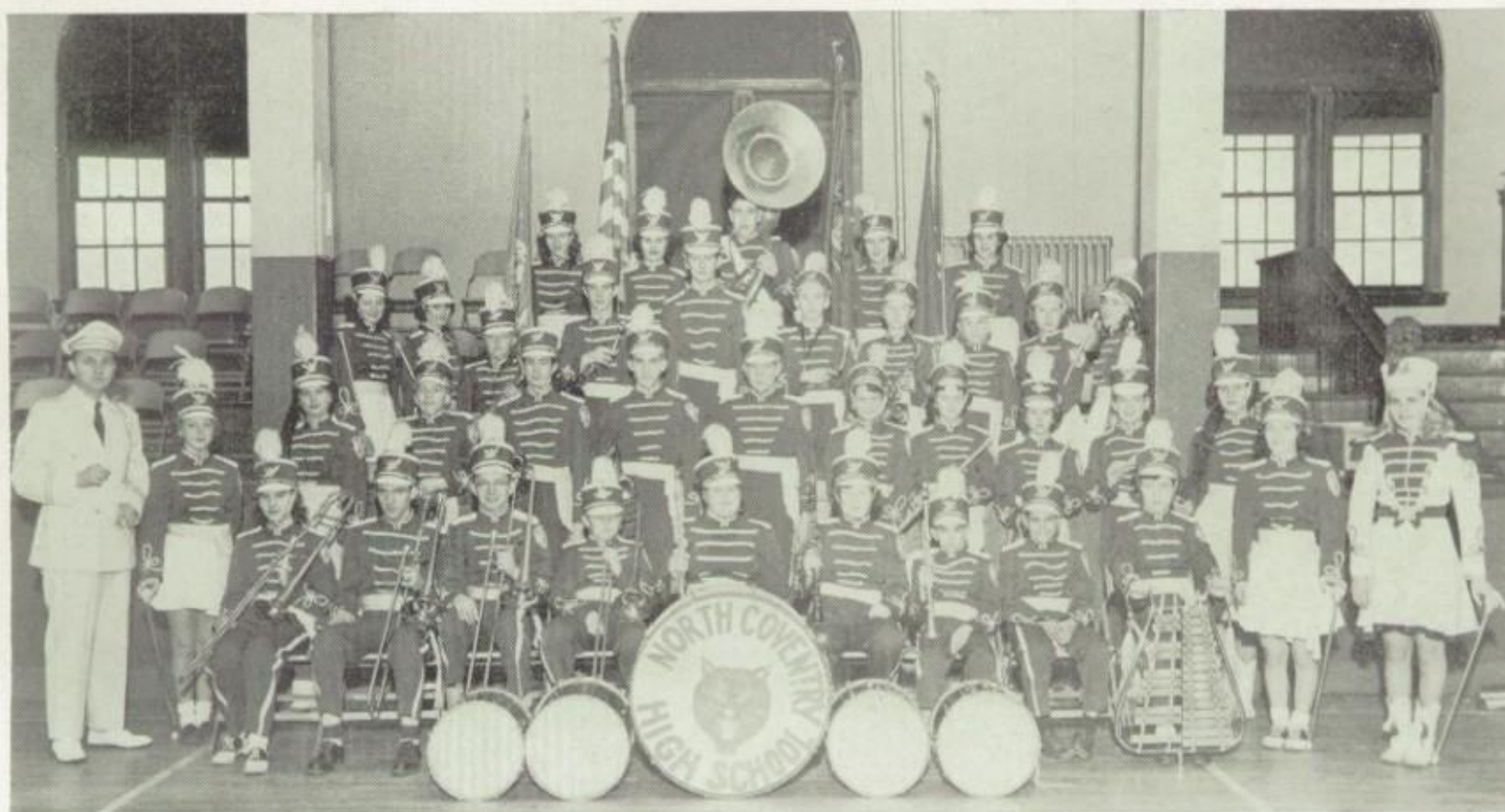




## Boys' Glee Club

First row, left to right—P. Pentz, E. Kellar, R. Matthews, Miss Moyer, supervisor; C. Lightcap, G. Sheasley, J. Smith.

Second row—C. Forman, R. McMullen, W. Collins, C. Smith, R. Link, W. Rolland, K. Bealer.



## Band

First row, left to right—H. Detwiler, L. Stephens, R. Wolfe, J. Collins, K. Collins, D. Trythall, D. Chappie, G. Stanson, M. Long, J. Smith, L. Swavely.

Second row—Mr. Koons, supervisor; M. Clemens, D. Drenckhahn, G. Hakum, W. Collins, H. Moyer, H. Smith, P. Colver, B. Rothenberger, L. Wampler, M. Hahn, M. Suchomel.

Third row—J. Moyer, D. Frederick.





## Camera Club

First row, left to right—S. Kellar, J. Hoffecker, H. Detwiler, M. Long.  
Second row—W. Kinckiner, E. John, P. Pentz, R. Matthews, Mr. Alderfer, advisor.



## "Norco News"

First row, left to right—V. Krisco, A. Richards, C. M. Bitler, J. Lucas, C. Rondum, A. Reinstein, G. Care, S. Kellar, T. Brower, A. Miller, B. Landis, J. Richards, A. Asseo, D. Rosewarne, B. Goswellin, S. Eachus, H. Bitler, C. Staverosky.

Second row—B. Buckwalter, J. Fox, J. Smith, D. F. Darlington, J. Brown, E. Clark, J. Moyer, J. Weiss, P. Cannell, G. Seydel, P. A. Kulp, G. Shrum, B. Pike, A. Bauman, J. Seydel, S. Sands

Third row—Mr. S. Springer, advisor; E. Kellar, C. Foreman, R. Kellar, J. Smith.





## F. F. A.

Front row, left to right—M. Creasy, W. Powell, R. McGowan, D. Lafferty, R. Faust, R. Fehr, E. Drumheller, M. Kline, R. Moyer, J. Mourar.

Second row—K. Buckholtz, H. Smith, C. Hoffercker, D. Whitmoyer, J. Eachus, D. Hatfield, D. Kline, R. Hatfield, L. Learn.

Third row—F. Kerlin, D. Lash, R. Norris, L. Stephens, R. Hampton, J. Brower, R. Domin, P. Bishop, A. Yocum, G. Dotterer.

Fourth row—W. Wise, J. Olexa, J. Batdorf, D. Davis, A. Airey, R. Link.



## Safety Patrol

First row, left to right—W. Collins, E. Kully, J. Petrick, D. Clemens, P. Pentz, F. Kerlin, W. Kinckiner, R. McMullen, W. Yocum, E. John, W. Whitlatch.

Second row—Mr. Alderfer, advisor; G. Sheeler, G. Sheasley, D. Neff, J. Brown, R. Biehl, P. Orr, R. Brannan, L. Asseo, J. Brower.

Third row—R. Moyer, K. Bealer, C. Carty, J. Horosky, J. Hewitt, L. McAfee, R. Norris, E. Leary.

Fourth row—B. Rowland, D. Lash.





## Senior Allied Youth

First row, left to right—N. Brower, A. Richards, V. Krisco, R. Gorman, K. Evans, G. Keeler, J. Smith, A. Reinstein, B. Cressman, J. Smith, T. Brower, P. Loughin, N. Orandosh, J. Richards, A. Asseo, P. Kulp, G. Shrum, C. Rondum, C. Pickar.

Second row—M. Long, D. Darlington, H. Detwiler, L. Sears, D. Sears, A. Miller, J. Brower, J. Hoeffcker, M. Suchomel, M. Kocur, D. Trythall.

Third row—W. Powell, D. Clemens, P. Pentz, C. Shaner, E. Kulley, W. Rowland, W. Whitlatch, J. Smith.

Fourth row—Mr. Springer, supervisor.



## Junior Allied Youth

First row, left to right—S. Neff, L. Jones, J. Moyer, M. Opperman, A. Repko, S. Rondum, B. Rothenberger, B. Kulp, D. Rosewarne, F. Arion, H. George, B. Moyer, J. Lucas, J. Dancy, M. Clemens, E. Clark, E. Smith, S. Eachus.

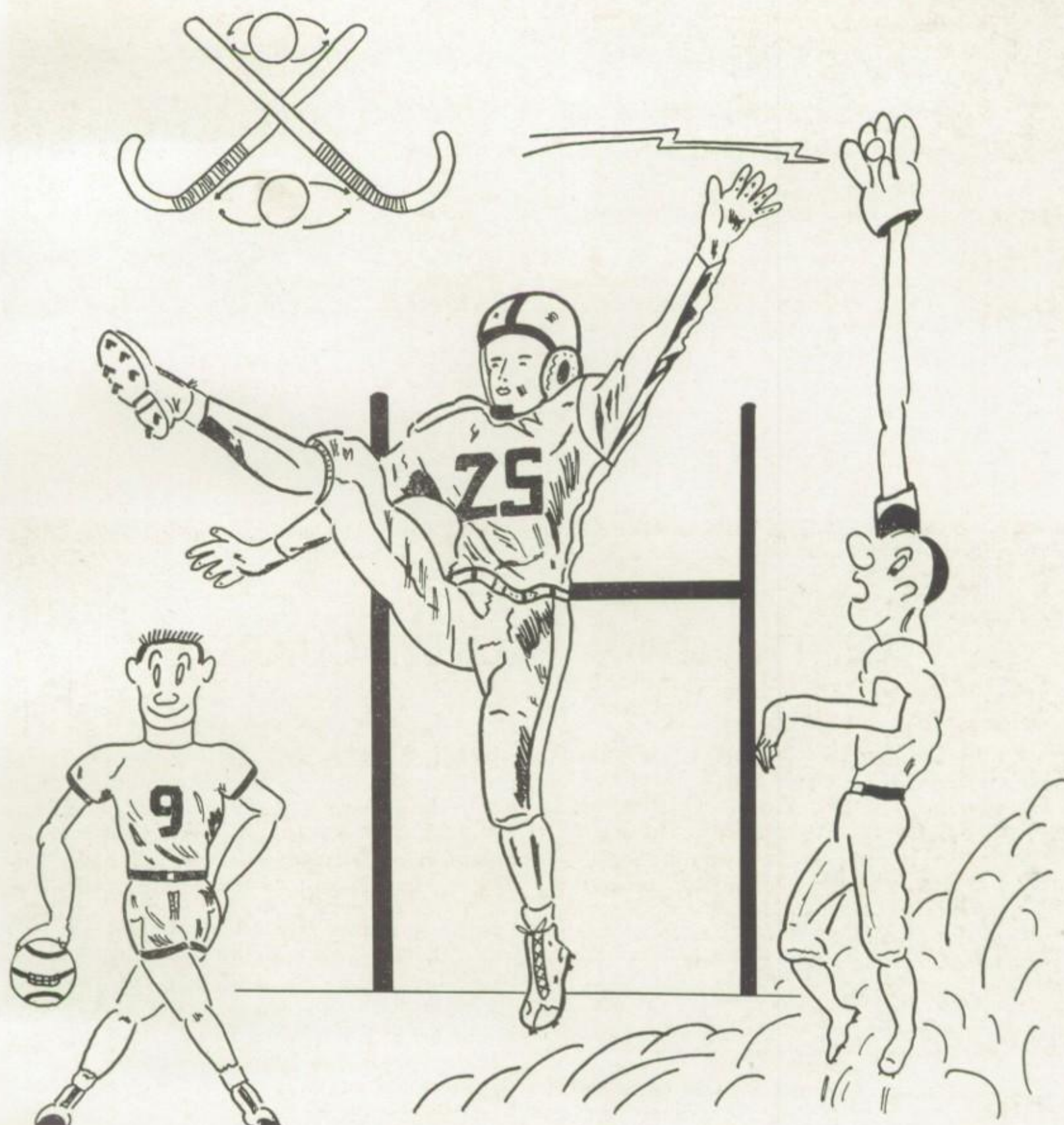
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Third row—G. Sheasley, R. Biehl, L. Asseo, R. Moyer, D. Lash, A. Hughes, P. Brower.

Fourth row—Mr. Stanley Springer, advisor.



# SPORTS







First row, left to right—D. Lash, R. Care, E. Woyton, C. Carty, J. Brown, E. Orr.  
 Second row—R. Domin, R. Hohl, D. Zelenak, F. Sitko, J. Mullin, D. Miller.  
 Third row—R. Thomas, J. Brower, C. Forman, L. McAfee, A. Hughes, A. Airey, D. Sarafeni, L. Asseo.  
 Fourth row—W. Whitlatch, D. Clemens, S. Smith, W. Kinckiner, R. Link, R. Loughin, L. Metzler.  
 Fifth row—L. Fries, J. Petrick, F. Kerlin, L. Porter, J. Batdorf, R. McMullen.  
 Top row—Louis Buckwalter, director of athletics; Clifford Brey, assistant coach; Allyn Brown, coach; Enos Kellar, manager.

## "CENTER, END, TACKLE, GUARD"

### Norco and Collegeville Battle to Tie, 6-6

On September 26, North Coventry played its first game of the 1952-53 season under the lights on the Collegeville gridiron. Collegeville scored in the second quarter on a 71-yard run by Bill Yeagle to lead at the half-time, 6-0. With a kick-off return by Duke Kinckiner to the 48-yard line, Norco started its drive for a touchdown. Lowell Fries drove over the goal line from the two-yard line for Norco's six points.

### Boyertown Nips Norco, 7-0

A hard-fought, defensive game between North Coventry and Boyertown High ended in a heartbreaking 7-0 Norco loss. Near the end of the first half the Bears headed for the goal line. Upon reaching Norco's 33-yard line, Boyertown tried a screen pass, with Greg

Lignelli throwing and Dick Endy receiving. Catching the ball on the 30-yard line, Endy cut to the outside and scampered for six points. The kick for the extra point was good. Norco battled hard the second half but never advanced close enough to the goal line to score.

### Norco Beats Bluebirds

North Coventry won its first game in two years by beating Schwenksville 12-0 on the Bluebird gridiron. Norco's first score came in the second half when "Jim" Batdorf, on a double reverse, ran twenty-five yards to make the score 6-0 at the end of the first half.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. In the final period Norco started its drive for another touchdown. Kinckiner drove to the five-yard line for a first down. Then Bill Whitlatch pushed over for a touchdown to bring the scoring to 12-0.



### **Wildcats Wallop Wyomissing, 33-7**

An interception by Jim Batdorf on Wyomissing's 30-yard line set Norco up for its first touchdown, which was made by Duke Kinckiner. At the end of the first half Norco led 19-0.

After McMullen's second half kick-off went out of bounds, Wyomissing went sixty yards from its own 40-yard line for its only touchdown of the day. Norco scored two more touchdowns in the final period making the total 33-7. Dave Clemens accounted for one touchdown, after he intercepted a pass on his own 30-yard line.

### **Pirates Surprise Wildcats**

Spring City took the lead in the second quarter on a 60-yard run through the line by Joe Edwards. The Pirates scored again before the half ended on a pitch-out play.

Spring City scored twice in the second half, once in each period. The Wildcats started a passing attack in the last period, which carried them to the Pirate's nine-yard line. Duke Kinckiner went over for the score and extra point. Later in the same quarter, Spring City attempted to punt, but the pass from center went into the end zone with Whitlatch recovering. The game ended, Spring City-24; North Coventry-14.

### **Wildcats and Falcons Play to Scoreless Tie**

Norco, playing West Pottsgrove on its own gridiron for the first time in history, battled in mud and rain to a 0-0 score. The game began with Norco moving the ball to the Falcons' five-yard line before losing the ball on a fumble. West Pottsgrove punted out of the hole, but Norco kept deep in enemy territory throughout the half.

In the final half Norco threatened many times to score but was unable to cross the goal line.

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The 1952 football season was successful from the standpoint that from a disastrous 0-7 record in 1951, Norco improved to a 2-2-2 record for the current season. Helping to make this improvement were the following members of the '53 class:

FRED KERLIN was the team captain and a real leader. His spirit, which dominated the entire squad, won for him a place on the All-Perkiomen "Little Four" team. Fred earned a varsity letter in each of his four high school years. He will be missed and will leave Coach Brown a big gap to plug in 1953.

WILMER KINCKINER or "Duke", as he is popularly known in school, played one year of varsity football. He was quarterback and spark plug in every way, the real iron man type. He was good enough to join Fred on the same "Little Four" All-Perkiomen team selections.

JOHN PETRICK spent four years over the ball and was a letterman each of the four years. His most remarkable change was his losing fifty pounds over the summer of '52 to report in the fall of his senior year a streamlined ball player. John was also good enough to get on the All-Perk team, a position he richly deserved.

JAMES BATDORF came out for football last fall for his first fling, but his brothers before him had so indoctrinated him in football knowledge that he speedily became a fixture at end. Jim had a dead eye when his "quickie" play was called.

RODNEY McMULLEN, the big man in the tackle slot, came back strong from a kidney injury in 1951 to help give the Norco forward line that big rugged look. It always takes a block of granite to plug holes in the defensive department. Rod had the ability to do this.

LOWELL FRIES was another lad who came out for the one big year and proved he had it! "Freeze" became a real running half-back and the man who scored our first touchdown of 1952 in the night game at Collegeville. That run enabled Norco to tie Collegeville-Trappe, 7-7.

LARRY PORTER, the running guard, was one of the smallest members of the Norco forward wall, but what "Ace" lacked in physical size was made up by internal fortitude. You might say he was the "joker" of the squad. Every team needs someone to provide emotional relief and "Ace" possessed that ability.

ROBERT LINK. If Bob had not been a member of the Norco line, we would have had the real "missing" link. Every chain has to be made up of strong "links". Norco had a real Link this past season.

CHARLES SMITH was one of the most under-rated substitutes Norco had. Smitty—small, fast, shifty—didn't report for football until his senior year and consequently did not make the regular eleven. He did, however, lend spirit to the squad, and without a second team no first team ever becomes better. It's too bad we won't have Charles next year; he was coming along fast as a "scat-back".





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Second row—Mrs. Ruoss, coach; P. Kulp, manager; B. Lloyd, B. Miller, B. Clark, R. Riley, D. Rosewarne, B. Buckwalter, J. Rock, J. Fox, D. Lang, D. Frederick, L. Swavely, R. Gorman, manager.

Third row—C. Gumma, B. Rothenberger, P. Cannell, B. Goswellin, S. Eachus.

## "GROUND STICKS, GROUND STICKS, GROUND STICKS"

The first days of school brought the first call for hockey candidates. A group of twenty-five girls came out, practiced hard and were faithful to Mrs. Ruoss' instructions throughout the season. The Norco Kittens had a good record of four wins, one tie, and two defeats. The season started with two losses—to Spring City and Upper Perkiomen. Then the girls got an outburst of speed and energy, and there were no more defeats the rest of the season.

As only three of the team will graduate, prospects for the fall of '53 are bright. These three bid farewell to their teammates.

ALICE MAE BAUMAN was a consistent player in left wing position, who capably co-captained our varsity team to a successful season.

BERNICE LANDIS was a hard-playing left halfback who, with Alice Mae, made our team very strong on the left side. Bernice also served as one of our co-captains.

MARILYN LONG started the season playing right inner on the junior varsity, and after the first game, played center half. The last three games of our season, "Corky" played left halfback on the varsity.

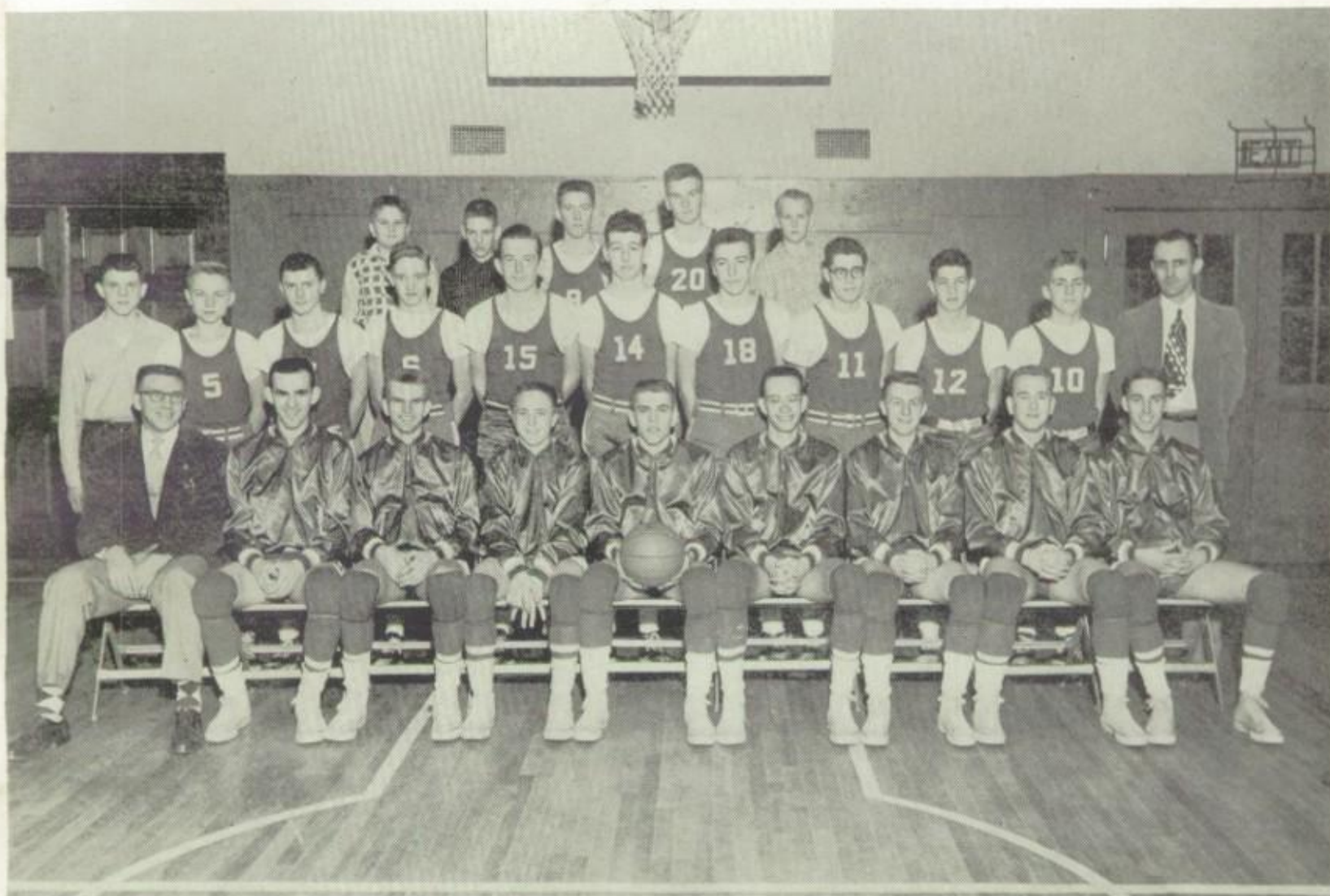
### NORCO

1	Spring City
0	Upper Perkiomen
4	Boyertown
1	Collegeville
3	West Pottsgrove
3	Schwenksville
6	Royersford

### OPPONENTS

2
4
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First row, left to right—Mr. Louis Buckwalter, coach; J. Batdorf, P. Pentz, D. Clemens, W. Kinckiner, E. Kully, R. Biehl, J. Petrick, C. Foreman.

Second row—R. Gerhart, P. Orr, C. Carty, K. Bealer, B. Wise, C. Shaner, L. McAfee, R. Hewitt, R. Moyer, L. Asseo, Mr. Allyn Brown, asst. coach.

Third row—M. Pentz, K. Darlington, D. Neff, W. Root, D. Loughin.

## "MAKE THAT BASKET"

Late in November, Coach Lou Buckwalter and J. V. Coach Allyn Brown called their 1952-53 basketball team together. The varsity squad had lost heavily by graduation; so that only eight candidates reported: Captain Wilmer Kinckiner, Ernest Kully, John Petrick, James Batdorf, Paul Pentz, David Clemens, Russell Biehl, and Charles Foreman. Of these, the first five are seniors and will not be with us next year. Clemens, Biehl, and Foreman will be a good nucleus, and there are some outstanding J. V. players ready to graduate to varsity ball.

Basketball games always provide plenty of thrills and this year's season had its share of near-wins and breath-taking victories, won in those magic last minutes.

The first game with Boyertown—a team that developed into top-of-the-league material

—was a nip-and-tuck affair until the last minutes, then the Bears forged ahead by four points.

Our players finally succeeded in breaking a "jinx". For years, we did not win a basketball game on Spring City's floor, but this season we won both the home and away games.

Perhaps our greatest achievements was in a non-league game. Who would even have predicted that we would win over a team from a very much larger school? In the home game with Phoenixville, we lost by a score of 60-39. But the second contest with them was a different story. Norco started with a bang and led at half time by twelve points, with Kinckiner leading the pace. In the final half, Phoenixville closed the gap slowly, but didn't have enough to overtake us. The final score was 84-82.



These five seniors will be missing from our squad:

"Duke" Kinckiner, the captain of the team, was a consistent, dependable player, who performed well at either offense or defense.

"Ernie" Kully, one of the tall boys on the team, used his height to advantage in getting rebounds. Ernie was an expert at a two-handed, off-the-nose set shot which he had developed to a stage of near-perfection.

John Petrick was our hard-playing center. When on defense he could be counted on to get the ball off the boards; on the offense, he played in pivot position.

Jim Batdorf, a capable substitute for John's pivot position, could shoot either left-handed or right-handed.

Paul Pentz, another reliable substitute, put his height to excellent use in retrieving rebounds.

NORCO		OPPONENTS
45	West Pottsgrove	57
57	Warwick*	40
62	Schwenksville	20
59	Boyertown	63
59	Collegeville	55
39	Phoenixville *	60
53	Royersford	58
44	Spring City	33
58	Upper Perkiomen	78
82	Warwick*	75
54	West Pottsgrove	52
47	Boyertown	79
87	Schwenksville	31
84	Phoenixville*	82
61	Collegeville	52
61	Spring City	34
48	Upper Perkiomen	64
55	Royersford	61
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\* Non-league games.

Average score per game—North Coventry 58.6.

Average score per game—Opponents 55.2.

North Coventry ended its season with 10 wins and 8 losses.





First row, left to right—M. Luft, A. Bauman, G. Keeler, J. Richards, V. Pierce, co-captain; M. Long, co-captain; B. Cressman, D. Batdorf, D. Rosewarne.

Second row—D. Lang, manager; B. Landis, manager; B. Goss, G. Seydel, B. Clark, B. Buckwalter, J. Kepner, H. George, B. Moyer, J. Fox, G. Shrum, B. Lloyd, manager; Mrs. Ruoss, coach.

## "SINK IT"

The girls had scarcely recovered from strenuous hockey practice before the call sounded for basketball. About twenty-five girls reported, and from this enthusiastic group, Coach Ruoss formed a varsity group that consisted of four seniors, four juniors and two sophomores. Mildred "Bozie" Luft, '54, a fast-moving, sure-shot center led in points. Other excellent underclass players that will help make a winning team next year are Gladys Shrum, Joyce Richards, Gladys Keeler, Kathryn Evans, all juniors, and sophomores Dorothy Rosewarne and Deanna Batdorf.

A large group of eager Jayvees practiced faithfully and many of these beginners showed promise of developing into good players after more years of practice.

Bernice Landis served loyally as manager for two years. During her senior year she handled the duties of timekeeper very efficiently.

Barbara Cressman, forward, will be remembered for her jumping ability and skillful handling of the ball.

Marilyn Long played forward and contributed many "under-the-basket" shots. As

a co-captain, "Corky" added to the spirit and morale of the team.

Virginia Pierce, the other co-captain, also played the forward position, and developed an effective one-handed running shot from the right-hand corner.

Alice Mae Bauman was a calm, steady guard who used her energy to good effect as a player of zone defense.

The team will miss these seniors next year and they will remember and be inspired by the way in which these girls lived up to our motto: "A team that won't be beat can't be beat."

### NORCO

### OPPONENTS

53	Upper Perkiomen	50
16	Boyertown	20
36	Schwenksville	26
43	West Pottsgrove	27
33	Royersford	33
29	Collegeville	19





First row—C. Bitler, S. Kellar, captain; J. Lucas.

Second row—A. Miller, P. Loughin, Miss Delp, coach; B. Cressman, J. Smith.

## "ONWARD NORCO"

This past September Norco held its regular tryouts for the cheerleading squad. Out of a group of ten girls, five regular cheerleaders were chosen and three substitutes. Members of the faculty acted as judges. The squad consisted of the following: Shirley Kellar, captain; Barbara Cressman, Patsy Loughin, and Adella Miller, seniors; Jeanne Smith and Mary Esther Kreps, juniors; Joan Lucas and Carol Mary Bitler, sophomores. Miss Delp was the capable and competent advisor and an inspiration to all the cheerleaders throughout the season.

Last year the cheerleaders worked long and hard to raise money for new uniforms. Finally, about the middle of the basketball season, the girls appeared in their new type of cheering outfit, which consists of a heavy white sweater with a large bright red "N"

on the front, and a short red skirt with a white lining.

The cheerleaders built up school spirit during pep rallies and, at games, led the cheers that many times inspired our players to victory.

Pep rallies were held regularly throughout the football season before each game with the big pep rally for the Thanksgiving Day game as the climax. The cheerleaders put on a clever skit; the band played our victory songs, and people in the audience responded enthusiastically with yells and cheers.

We are sorry to see the senior girls leave the squad. We wish to thank them for all they've done in acting as leaders for the rest of the group and thus helping Norco "On to Victory."



"WERE YOU THERE? WE WERE!"





NAME	PERSONALITY IN SONG	OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS	AS SEEN IN 1963
Elmer Baker	"Wandering"	Unnaturally blond hair	Running Norco taxi service
Agnes Barlas	"Almost"	Willingness to help	Social worker for the Red Cross
James Batdorf	"How Are You Going to Keep Them Down on the Farm?"	His motorcycle	Owner of motorcycle speed-way
Alice Mae Bauman	"Shy"	Rosy cheeks	Publishing cook books
Jean Brower	"Crazy Man, Crazy"	Happy-go-lucky attitude	"White buck" shoe factory
Teresa Brower	"Let's Be Sweethearts Again"	Serious views of life	Housewife
Gloria Care	"Secretary Song"	Secretarial ability	Secretary of the Treasury
William Collins	"International Rag"	Musical ability	Flying jets over Austria
Barbara Cressman	"Ballerina"	Dancing feet	Duchess to the "Duke"
Harriet Detwiler	"My Defenses Are Down"	Her math ability	Real estate agent at the seashore
Irmgard Drenckhahn	"There's Been a Change in Me"	Vivacious smile	Foreign correspondent for the " <i>Mercury</i> "
Jack Eachus	"Stout-Hearted Men"	His size	Repairing flying saucers
Lowell Fries	"The Very Thought of You"	His Ford	Stone mason for tombstones
Carolyn Garner	"Bewitched"	"Pony tail" coiffure	Telephone operator for the President
Janet Hoffecker	"Sitting By the Window"	Studiousness	Spinster school teacher
Edward John	"Homework"	Dislike of math	Selling Chryslers
Shirley Kellar	"Pistol Packin' Mamma"	Fast talking	Nursing sick dogs
Fred Kerlin	"Goin' Steady"	Car collection	Contractor for dollhouses
Wilmer Kinckiner	"Mr. Touchdown, U.S.A."	Athletic ability	Referee for college football
Mary Ann Kocur	"Too Young"	Giggles	Talking over the backyard fence
Ernest Kully	"Varsity Drag"	Basketball points	Playing with the Boston Celtics
Bernice Landis	"Gonna Get Along Without You Now"	Interest in sports	Rearing a hockey team
Ruth Leyrer	"Wedding March"	Friendliness	Supervising an orphanage
Robert Link	"Gotta Get a Girl"	His absentmindedness	Sergeant in the Marines



Marilyn Long	"Temptation"	Mind of her own	Editing racing forms
Patsy Loughin	"Sophisticated Swing"	Long blonde hair	Driving her boss's Cadillac
Robert Matthews	"Mixed Emotions"	Confused state of mind	Still undecided
Shirley Mauger	"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"	Continual chatter	Successful time-waster
Shirley McGowan	"Seven Lonely Nights"	Small stature	Posing for Colgate ads
Rodney McMullen	"Who Will Be the Next One?"	Singing cowboy songs	Star of Metropolitan Opera
Adella Miller	"The Roving Kind"	Height	Divorcing fourth husband
Howard Moyer	"That's My Desire"	Habitual tardiness	Confirmed bachelor
Frances Nimmerichter	"A Friend of Yours"	Her unusual hand writing	Modeling bathing suits
Paul Pentz	"My Marilyn"	Blond hair and blue eyes	President of Chrysler Corporation
John Petrick	"I Wonder"	Hair-dos	Ballet teacher for Arthur Murray
Thea-Mae Phillips	"My Baby's Coming Home"	"Tall stories"	Health advisor
Virginia Pierce	"Pass That Peace Pipe"	Ring on left hand	Referee at boxing matches
Larry Porter	"A Guy Is a Guy"	Sense of humor	Sailing fishing boats on the Chesapeake
William Powell	"I'm Walking Alone"	Helpfulness	M. C. on "Strike It Rich"
Anna Reinstein	"Tell Me Why"	Art interests	Dress designer for Ceil Chapman
Lila Ritchie	"Feudin', Fussin', Fightin'"	Red hair	Manufacturer of hair dyes
Doris Sears	"My Life's Companion"	Home economic interests	Running a boarding house for old men
Linabelle Sears	"My Guy's Come Back"	Letter-writing to fiance	Selling Charles Atlas equipment
Charles Smith	"Lover"	"Wolf" blood	Gravedigger for small men
Jeanette Smith	"Undecided"	Her baton	Lady wrestler
John Smith	"Goofus"	Peculiar stride	Famous cyclist
Lowell Stephens	"Not So Quiet, Please"	Shyness	Auctioneer at Baumstown
Margarete Suchomel	"Until Tomorrow"	Pleasant, amiable disposition	Teaching German at Norco
Janet Weiss	"Wishing"	Her laugh	Producing sound effects on "Inner Sanctum"
Barbara Wells	"Always"	Unruffled calmness	Window washer at Empire State Building
Mary Yocum	"Only a Rose"	Her good grades	Writing speeches for the president





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Down to Earth

# STRANGE BUT TRUE



Sports - minded



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Clever



Up in the Clouds



# ALMA MATER

Every high school has a legend  
Passed on from year to year,  
To which we pledge allegiance  
And always cherish dear;  
But of all the honored idols,  
There's but one which stands the test—  
It's the stately Norco Wildcat,  
The symbol of our best.

## CHORUS

Hail to the Wildcat, loyally bred!  
Hail, Alma Mater, with your White and Red!  
Norco forever, moulder of men!  
Fight for her honor  
And victory again.





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